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Revamp of hall in bid to bring stars to town

WEST Bromwich's historic town hall is set to undergo a £40,000 revamp to turn it into a premier entertainment venue.

The landmark, which dates back to 1874, hopes to attract big name acts and is to get a raft of refurbishments to make it more attractive.

Plans are also being drawn up for the site to host a new season of entertainment in partnership with Wolverhampton City Council and the team that runs successful venues the Civic and Wulfrun halls.

It has been agreed to charge a fee of £465 per show and to use the former library support office as a bar when events are held.

Shows

It follows the success of two pilot comedy shows staged at the venue last October and November.

Sandwell leisure chief Councillor Ann Shackleton has backed plans for the High Street venue. She agreed that £42,000 be allocated from the adult and community services budgets.

A report adds that shows last year, which included Jim Davidson and Roy 'Chubby' Brown attracted around 800 new visitors to the town centre.

Tracking devices put on work vans

TRACKING devices are being fitted on workers' vans at a Black Country housing association but Sandwell Homes deny it is because they fear workers are "moonlighting".

A report was delivered to Sandwell Council earlier this year which claimed that several workers used work time for other jobs or hobbies.

Two employees were found to be doing carpentry work, while one was sidelining as a plasterer in work hours.

But Sandwell Homes, which manages council homes for the local authority, denied the decision to monitor vehicles was linked to moonlighting claims.

It said the move would increase productivity and security, while cutting fuel costs.

Paul Field, chief executive of Sandwell Homes, explained: "It is now common practice for companies with vehicle fleets to use tracking devices. This not only increases the security of our vehicles but also the safety of our employees, especially if working alone."

Deaf week focus on sign languge

SEVERAL events are taking place in Sandwell as part of Deaf Awareness Week. They are being organised by the Sandwell Deaf Community Association.

The registered charity works with Sandwell Council to provide specialist services to deaf people in the borough.

Sign language cards were given to shoppers atSmethwick Asda and children from Eaton Valley Primary School were taken on a sign language ramble through the Sandwell Valley.

Tomorrow (Friday) sign languge guides will be handed out at at Asda in Great Bridge and a car wash on Saturday at West Bromwich Fire Station

Some 400 people in Sandwell are profoundly deaf and use sign language as their first language.

HIT-AND-RUN VICTIM NEEDS CONSTANT CARE

MOTHER'S ANGUISH OVER SON

THE mother of a hit-and-run victim has said he will need constant care for the rest of his life.

Michael Davies

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It is more than 18 months since a crash in West Bromwich left Margaret Davies' son Michael with brain damage.

Mr Davies, now aged 24, was left for dead after he was struck by a vehicle when on his way home after a night out with friends in October 2009.

The former George Salter Academy pupil, who is the youngest of 10 siblings, was discovered by customers at the Desi Masala cafe bar on the corner of High Street and Temple Street, at 1.26am on October 17, 2009.

He was taken to City Hospital, in Winson Green, before being transferred to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Edgbaston, and then to Sandwell Hospital for further treatment.

The force of the collision broke Mr Davies's pelvis and he suffered serious head injuries as he hit the ground.

He had been at the New Hop Pole pub, in High Street, West Bromwich, and was making his way home when the incident happened.

He also spent months at Moseley Hall Hospital in Alcester Road, before spending five months at Sandwell Hospital.

He was later moved to a rehabilitation unit in Birmingham and is now living at Leabrook House nursing home in Tipton.

Terrible

His mother Margaret Davies, aged 61, of Turner Street in West Bromwich said her son has recently starting making home visits for a few hours on a Saturday.

She said: "He still can't speak, he can't feed himself or do anything for himself.

"It makes me sick thinking about it, knowing that they have got away with it. He will need round-the-clock care for the rest of his life.

"Knowing his independence has been taken away is just terrible."

During police inquiries a Volkswagen Passat was recovered and examined. In January last year a 45-year-old man and a 42-year-old woman, who had been arrested and bailed in connection with the hit-and-run incident, were told they would not face charges.

Anyone with information should contact police on 0345 113 5000.

Double celebration at vehicle show

THE prestigious Jensen Owners Club will have double cause for celebration at this weekend's Sandwell Historic Vehicle Show.

The event, on Sunday at Sandwell Valley Showground in West Bromwich, marks two major anniversaries for enthusiasts.

It is 75 years since the first Jensen sports and grand touring cars hit the road and also the 40th Anniversary of the Jensen Owners Club.

The Jensen Owners Club is particularly keen to hear from ex-Jensen employees who would like to join them at their 40th anniversary get together in August, so anyone who worked for the company can find out more at the Showground.

Hollywood

During the 1930s the company developed the 'White Lady' drophead coupe, whose many fans included Hollywood actor Clark Gable.

Jensen also ventured into the manufacture of commercial vehicles, the most famous being the Jen-Tug that saw many years service from the immediate post-war years into the 1960s with companies including British Railways, National Coal Board and British Road Services. But it is the iconic Jensen Interceptor, launched at the 1966 London Motor Show, for which it is most famous.

Some six and a half thousand were built over a ten year period and the winner of the 'Concours D'Elegance' at last year's Sandwell Historic Vehicle Show was a 1969 Jensen FF owned by Mr Martin Ritchie.

Free

The 33rd Annual Sandwell Historic Vehicle Show starts at 11am and features a host of activities and entertainment for all the family. Admission is free.

Sandwell Leisure Trust Marketing Manager, Mark Wildman, launches Sandwell's first iPhone app with Emma Bloor and Paul Long from Ice Blue Marketing and Design

'Appy' day for leisure trust

GETTING fit and active has just been made easier with the launch of Sandwell's first iPhone application.

Sandwell Leisure Trust believes that it is the first to unveil a Sandwell based 'app' as well as being the first Leisure Trust in the UK to offer this facility to customers.

The free app can help residents find their local leisure centre as well as letting them know what activities are taking place and when.

The app can also help leisure centre users save money by featuring the latest special offers and promotions.

Download

Mark Wildman, marketing manager said: "We are always looking for new ways to keep customers informed about how they can stay active in Sandwell. The new app brings the latest information to your fingertips, making it easier to find out what's on at your local leisure centre as well as opening hours, class times and prices."

The app is currently available for the iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch and will soon be available for other mobile devices.

The app is available to download for free from the Apple itunes App Store.

For further information visit the trust's website www.slt-leisure.co.uk or call 0845 659 4815.

Ex-pupils returning for Mickie's farewell

A MASSIVE reunion for former pupils and staff of St Michael's C of E High School in Rowley Regis takes place on Saturday.

The event will mark the end of an era as the school is moving from Throne Road to Rowley Learning Campus in Hawes Lane this summer. Organiser Max Robinson said: "In June the school will be moving to the new site so this will be the last reunion that can be held in the present building. It would be a shame not to give it some kind of send off." Organisers will be serving a school dinner, there will be a disco and a photographer on hand. There will be a poll to find the all-time favourite teacher. Details can be found at the website www.mickiesfarewell.co.uk or email tickets@mickiesfarewell.co.uk.

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Borough enjoys a right royal do

THE BUNTING was out, the Union flags were waved and celebrations including street parties and garden barbecues were held across the borough as the nation united in Royal Wedding festivities for the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Thousands were glued to their TV screens on Friday as the fairy tale romance became reality, the new Duke and Duchess of Cambridge saying 'I do' in front of a global audience of billions. Then, after the lunchtime service at Westminster Abbey, royalists enjoyed the sunshine for a right royal party.

Pictured , from left to right, from top left corner: Celebrations at The Bell and Bear Inn on Gorsty Hill Road, Rowley Regis.

At Wood Green Nursing Home in Wednesbury Irene Bill (left) celebrates with care worker Elaine Smith and fellow resident Jocie Williams;

Celebrations at The Harrier pub on Powis Avenue, Tipton, with Nat Boxley, Sue James, Linda Glews, Fiona Rogers, Michelle Boxley, Charlotte Doody, Emma Rogers;

Street party on Moor Street, Wednesbury;

One of two royal kisses on the balcony of Buckingham Palace, which were greeted with huge cheers;

Party at Rylands View Nursing Home, Tipton, care assistants Gemma Fear and Shabnam Bi with Olive Homer, entertainer Richard King and Edna Dean;

Royal Wedding celebrations by Brushstrokes Charity at St Philip' s Community Centre in Watt Street with Zainab Bibi, Rehana Kasuer, Parrgash Jhheent and the street party.

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Care boss promising new options

CARERS and disabled people will have better respite care options despite the closure of a vital facility in Sandwell, the authority's care boss claims.

The pledge comes after the council made the decision to close respite care home Warstone House, putting 30 workers at risk and leaving families who care for their severely disabled children distraught.

Councillor Linda Horton, the borough's cabinet member for adult social care, said the decision to close the home in Salters Lane was down to high-running costs, "old fashioned" facilities, and survey results from nearly 100 people with learning disabilities supporting change.

Decision

The decision means people and their carers will now choose to either receive personal budgets or have the council buy their short break services on their behalf.

She added: "I would also reassure families that if they do not wish to manage a personal budget, the council will sort the short break for them based on what they want."

But she added: "The current system – where a person is 'booked in' to stay at Warstone House while their carer takes a break – is now quite outdated and regimented.

"It gives families little choice or flexibility, especially for the person with a learning disability."

Books and coffee offered

PERRY Barr Trefoil Guild is holding a book sale and coffee morning in aid of charity.

The event will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 10am to 12 noon at the Tanhouse Centre, Hamstead Road, in Great Barr.

All money raised will be split between Hamstead Housebound, Action, and Girl Guiding. For more information, contact Val Commery on (0121) 358 2502.

Carnival in park

A FUNFAIR, dog displays and fancy dress will come to a Wednesbury park this summer when the carnival rolls into town.

The 41st annual extravaganza, organised by Wednesbury Rotary Club, will be held on July 9 in Brunswick Park and will feature traditional treats.

The carnival opens at 12.30pm. The grand raffle returns and the prizes include £250. Admission to the carnival is free.

Circus theme

MUSICIANS, dancers and jugglers will be part of the entertainment at Hill Top Community Centre in West Bromwich in June.

The Hill Top Community Development Association will hold its annual party on June 18 from 10.30am. The event is free and features a host of entertainers, including circus-themed fun and a clown.

Quiz night

HOLY Name Parish Church in Great Barr is holding a quiz night to raise money for charity.

The six-a-side quiz will take place at Holy Name Parish Centre on Birmingham Road on Saturday, May 7, at 7.30pm.

Entry costs £3 per person and there will be a bar and refreshments available. All money raised will be donated to Christian Aid.

For more information, contact Val Commery on (0121) 358 2502.

Skate park officially opens

SANDWELL'S first concrete skate park was officially opened as part of the May Day celebrations in the borough.

The £85,000 skate park is in Lightwoods Park, Bearwood, which last year came back into the ownership of Sandwell Council.

Despite being well within Sandwell, the park and Grade 11 listed house, was for 100 years run by Birmingham City Council. There was a skate park in Lightwoods built in the early 1980s as part of the Challenge Anneka TV programme. But it had fallen into disrepair and has been revamped. Local youths, the council, police and youth services worked together on the project.

Cherie O'Sullivan, Parks Project Officer, said: "Three workers – Rhys Bullivant, Alex Bruce and Jake Lupasco – played a crucial part in moving this project forward. The skate park user group have been instrumental in fighting for the improvements. They selected the design of the new skate park and are now looking forward to using it."

Thousands spent on tackling extremism

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ENCOURAGING young Muslims to turn their backs on extremism has cost more than £90,000 in Sandwell.

The cost across the Black Country as a whole of laying on a variety of community activities, training courses and community groups has cost £911,000, latest figures show.

Boxing lessons, theatre groups and training for women and faith leaders have been offered through the Preventing Violent Extremism programme set up under the former Labour Government.

This week there were calls for a full evaluation of the project to see if it had made a difference. Public money has gone to various agencies in each of the four boroughs. It has been used to fund work with young people and with imams in mosques to train them in curbing extremist ideas.

Sandwell Council spent £3,000 of its share of the funding on training people how to give good media interviews. Nine representatives from the Inclusive Muslim Action Network group attended a two-day training course, which included advice on how to put across points in the media and radio interview practice.

The group wanted to find "a better way to communicate the good work going on in Sandwell and to get their points heard better in the media after previous attempts had not been taken up with much success", the council said.

A further £5,000 went on citizenship lessons which included a local imam talking to Muslim students about being an active citizen in British society.

West Bromwich East MP Tom Watson has called for a "thorough evaluation" of the scheme.

The Labour MP said: "Some projects will have had a very positive effect in their communities. But with pressure on public spending the way it is we need to know the full details of how well Prevent has worked."

Councillor Derek Rowley, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, said: "Sandwell has a good track record of harmonious community relations but no area can take this for granted.

"We have therefore responded to Government requirements by working closely with partner organisations and all our communities to foster good community relations, promote a safe borough and deter anyone at risk of becoming involved in any form of extremist activity from doing so."

The full list of activities funded via the Government programme include:

ReWind – Working with young people to challenge the ideology behind violent extremism – £60,000.

Communications training to help Muslims get their point across in the media – £3,000.

Boxing project – Around 30 young people engaged in police-run boxing sessions, which also address issues of gang culture, drugs, weapons, citizenship, IT, literacy, jobs search – £12,600.

One-to-one mentors project & Channel Project – £2,000.

Workshops for Muslim women on citizenship, education, support networks, taking positive action, confidence – £4,800.

Support to Inclusive Muslim Action Network group – £3,000.

Islam Awareness Week – a day event and week-long exhibition held in November to help understand Islam – £10,000.

Briefings and communications about PVE - £500.

Coming soon... jobs

BOSSES of West Bromwich's forthcoming six-screen cinema have already begun recruiting ahead of its scheduled opening next year.

Reel Cinemas estimates the development opposite The Public arts centre will create up to 35 full and part-time jobs. It is due to open in October 2012.

The cinema will be above newly-built restaurants, which will line New Street, opposite the controversial £72 million arts centre. Reel Cinemas chairman Kailash Suri said the new facility would be a "great addition" to West Bromwich town centre.

Its arrival is part of a £200 million development of the area which will bring a new Tesco to the town.

To enquire, send a CV to: Reel Human Resources, c/o Reel Cinemas Ltd, Head Office, 7 Cattle Market, Loughborough, LE11 3DL or send an email the cinema bosses at:

recruitment@reelcinemas.co.uk

Special birthday for Violet

Violet Wassell with her son Tom, his wife Angela and carer Sonya Stackhouse

VIOLET Wassell celebrated her 100th birthday with friends and family.

The resident at Valley Court Nursing Home in Cradley Heath reached the landmark birthday on Easter Monday. To celebrate, family and friends threw a party for the mother-of-one in Valley Road.

Son Tom Wassell, aged 63, of Lawnswood Road, Lower Gornal, said: "Were all very proud of her. To reach 100 is very impressive."

Mrs Wassell was born and raised in Derby End, Netherton. She married husband Richard in 1940 and moved to Tividale. Mr Wassell died in 1990.

Mrs Wassell, who has lived at Valley Court for about three years, used to be a keen gardener.

Plea over fast food outlets

THE HEALTH boss of Sandwell has issued an urgent plea for council chiefs to restrict the number of takeaways in the borough – after figures showed the region is among the worst in the country for rates of childhood obesity.

The director of public health in Sandwell made the call at a board meeting of the borough's primary care trust.

Dr John Middleton told board members: "The levels of obesity in Sandwell will be of long-term detriment to young people.

"We can use planning laws to restrict the numbers of fast food takeaways."

Latest figures show one in four children in Year 6, aged 10/11, in Sandwell is obese, ranking the borough as the worst in the West Midlands region and one of the four worst in the country.

Concern

More than one in 10 children in reception classes, aged 4/5, are also obese.

Raising the matter with Dr Middleton, Sandwell PCT board member Janette Rawlinson said: "Obesity among primary school age children is of real concern. It seems to be getting worse."

Dr Middleton's call came after Sandwell PCT's public health chief Paul Southon said the body was working with small takeaway businesses to make the food they serve healthier.

There are already more than 600 takeaway outlets in Sandwell and applications for 23 more were made last year.

New kitchen gets go-ahead

PUPILS at two linked Sandwell schools will get their meals from a new £500,000 kitchen after planning chiefs gave the all-clear.

Great Barr Infant School has been given the go-ahead for a replacement kitchen. Once complete it will be used by both Great Barr Infant and Junior schools.

Documents submitted with plans by Sandwell Council say the current block has "reached the end of its purpose" and could not adapted easily in its current state.

The new kitchen will include a dining area, three entrances, an office, food store, cleaners' and staff room as well as toilets including facilities for disabled people and staff.

Proposals for the new building were circulated among neighbours and attracted no response.

Spring fair

A SPRING fair in aid of church repairs will be held at The United Reform Church in Newton Road, Great Barr, on Saturday, May 14, from 2pm.

There will be a variety of stalls and admission costs 30p.

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Liquor licence suspended at wine shop

A SHOPKEEPER has been ordered to pay almost £3,000 for breaching licensing conditions imposed after he sold alcohol to children.

Amardeep Bali, owner of Hill Top Wines in West Bromwich, has also had his licence to sell alcohol suspended. The 25-year-old had been ordered to comply with a number of conditions after he was caught selling alcohol to under-18s in 2006 and 2009.

These included having CCTV in use in the shop and putting all alcohol sales in a bag which carried the shop's name and address.

It also meant having the personal licence holder on site at all times and training staff on the sale of alcohol.

But another test purchase by trading standards found that the shop was not adhering to these conditions. Officers discovered that the CCTV system was not working, licence holder Mr Bali was not on site, staff had not been adequately trained, and alcohol sales were put in plain bags.

Bali, of Willett Road, West Bromwich, pleaded guilty at Warley Magistrates Court to breaching licensing conditions. He was fined £1,000 and ordered to pay £1,931.69 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Licensing

The shop also had its licence to sell alcohol suspended by the council's licensing panel until May 5.

Sandwell Council's trading standards manager Bob Robinson, speaking after the hearing, said: "This shop already had licensing conditions in place following two previous sales of alcohol to a minor.

"When this happens, we always request a review of the licence and ask the licensing panel to impose additional conditions and warn the licence holder of their future conduct – what we call a yellow card.

"If there is another underage alcohol sale, this can lead to the suspension of a premises' licence and more conditions being put in place, which we call a red card."

Drug dealer came to UK to donate his kidney

A HANDSWORTH man was caught dealing drugs in a Black Country street months after being allowed into the UK from the Caribbean to donate a kidney to his sick brother, a court heard.

The successful transplant was at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, but weeks later Christopher Blake was found selling heroin.

The 30-year-old was seen with a known drug user in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, at 9pm on March 28. He had more than £200, two phones and keys to a house to which one mobile was registered, said Mr Zaheer Afzal, prosecuting.

Officers found 50 £10 wraps of heroin inside a locked room with £500 worth of the drug in a plastic bag and £150 in coins, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

"The defendant made no comment when questioned but police noticed that his phone rang incessantly," concluded Mr Afzal. "It was clear that he was a low-level retailer of class A drugs."

Jailed

Blake got a medical visa to enter the UK in March last year but had now been served with deportation papers, said Miss Blondelle Thompson, defending.

"He donated a kidney to his brother and now has a further hospital appointment because of some complications with his condition.

"He was of previous good character and was part of a wider organisation in drug dealing. He also plans to appeal against the authority that served him with deportation papers."

Blake, whose home address was given as George Street, Handsworth, admitted possession with intent to supply Class A drugs and was jailed for two years and eight months.

Driver admits he was stupid

A DRINK-driver, who parked outside a Cradley Heath supermarket, strolled into the store and stole an LCD TV worth £349, admitted to police he was "stupid".

Nigel Christopher Fellows, aged 45, told Warley Magistrates Court he had been drinking much of the day before he drove to Tesco in Cradley Heath on April 10.

The court heard the forklift truck driver from Windmill Hill, Colley Gate, entered the Tesco in Cradley Heath, selected the television and left without paying.

Guilty

Fellows was arrested outside the shop and found to be over the drink drive limit.

He pleaded guilty to charges of theft and drink-driving when he appeared at Warley Magistrates Court.

Miss Christy Woods prosecuting said: "He admitted he entered the store with the intention of stealing the TV.

"He said it was a spur of the moment decision and he felt very stupid."

Magistrates fined him £135 for the theft and £200 for the drink driving.

He was also disqualified from driving for 18 months and ordered to pay £85 costs.

Schools calling for action on busy road

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SCHOOLS in Sandwell are backing a new campaign to get a pelican crossing in Oldbury after a number of near misses on a busy dual carriageway.

St Hubert's Primary, Brandhall Primary and Perryfields High School are all supporting calls for the crossing in Wolverhampton Road, near the junction with Queensway and Parsons Hill.

Pupils and staff from all three schools regularly have to cross the road.

Clare McNally, headteacher of St Hubert's, said: "It's always dangerous for our pupils to cross. We have not had reports of any injuries yet but we have heard stories about people who have started to cross and then had to run to avoid being hit.

"There is a crossing warden but they are not their at all times of the day."

Elaine Fitzgerald, headteacher of Brandhall Primary, said they were so worried about crossing the road that in the past they had hired a police escort so pupils could visit nearby Bradbury House Day Hospice to sing carols.

She said: "We had to cancel the event one year because we could not get police to stop traffic for us.

"Another year we had to borrow a minibus, even though the hospice is just a few minutes away."

Wolverhampton Road has a central reservation and the speed limit is 40mph. Petitions for the new crossing are in Brandhall and Bleakhouse libraries.

Petitions

The petitions are expected to be submitted to Sandwell Council by the end of May.

Old Warley councillor Steve Trow said: "The problem is that the priority for these sort of schemes has always gone to roads where there have been accidents. Near misses are not recorded.

"But this has been a worry for some time. It is an accident waiting to happen."

Derek Rowley, the council's cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, said that if there were no recorded accidents in the road, it was unlikely the pelican crossing would be introduced.

Hats the way to do it

Sandwell College students (back from left) Rebecca Jasper, Dipali Patel, Amruizia Bibi, Betma Kuebutornye, (front) Roksana Baginska and Claire Beaumont model their hats which raised money for charities

FIRST year fashion students at Sandwell College have been getting ahead in the fundraising stakes by designing hats and selling home-baked cakes.

During their lessons they created a flamboyant series of head gear using recycled materials they bought from charity shops, taking inspiration from American literary classic Little House on the Prairie, right through to outlandish contemporary popstar Lady Gaga.

The students donned their designs on Wear a Hat Day last month to raise around £100 for brain tumour research and raise awareness of teenage cancer.

Modelling their millinery, the trainee fashion designers set up a stall at the West Bromwich campus for three Thursdays selling funky hat badges, friendship bracelets made by students Sara Smith and Alana Hines, and cupcakes made by learner Becky Jasper.

Fashion tutor Sarah Head said the students were eager to help raise as much money as possible for the Brain Tumour Research and Teenage Cancer Trust charities.

Bonnet

She said: "The students have made some fantastic hats featuring huge flowers, castles and masks. There's a bonnet inspired by the Little House on the Prairie and even one inspired by Lady Gaga.

"They look fabulous. I'm really proud of them for putting so much effort into such a good cause."

Meet those who shape the future

THE people who are shaping the new look of the borough will be attending an exhibition in Sandwell looking at multi-million pound regeneration schemes.

Projects including the new £370 million Midland Metropolitan Hospital in Smethwick, the Black Country Metro expansion and the regeneration of West Bromwich town centre will be considered on June 13 at the 'Meet the Architects' event at Sandwell Council House in Freeth Street, Oldbury.

Visitors can hear from Matt Dobson, Director of the Royal Institute of British Architects West Midlands, about creating environmentally sustainable, cost-effective buildings. Sandwell's director of place John Garrett will also talk about current and future regeneration developments. For more information, email stephen_massey@sandwell.gov.uk.

Siezed horses are set to be sold by council

HORSES which were seized by Sandwell Council will now be sold – after no-one came forward to claim them.

Two horses were taken from Weddell Wynd, a piece of open land in Tipton, as part of the authority's crackdown on the problem of horses in the town.

The council is working with bailiffs to take the horses away.

The council gives a period of 14 days for people to come forward to claim their horses.

Owners are also be expected to pay stabling, feeding and vets bills – set to be around £1,000 per animal.

However, no-one has come for the horses, removed from Tipton on the weekend of April 16, and they are now being prepared for sale.

Bailiffs are also preparing to swoop and take away more animals.

Councillor Derek Rowley, the council cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, said: "We gave horse owners plenty of warning about what was going to happen, but were ignored.

Roaming

"The safety of people in this area is our number one concern and this was being compromised by the horses that were wandering the streets."

Up to 60 horses have been spotted on the streets of Tipton, with a group of 10 roaming from street to street, destroying gardens and frightening residents.

It is now believed the roaming horses have been moved by their owner, for fear of them being taken.

Councillors from the area say the horses "disappeared" earlier this month, when it was announced the council had employed a new group of bailiffs to implement its crackdown.

But it was thought they may have been taken across the borough borders to Wolverhampton, Walsall or Dudley.

Cash for heroes

A CHARITY collection in West Bromwich to raise money for injured soldiers charity Help for Heroes has raised more than £800.

Michael Evans held collections on April 15 and 16 at the Tesco supermarket in West Bromwich town centre and raised a total of £827.

Hand hygiene helps superbug figures fall

THE NHS trust that runs Sandwell Hospital has recorded its lowest figures for two superbugs.

During the last year Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, which runs Sandwell Hospital and City Hospital in Birmingham, has recorded five cases of MRSA against a target of six, and 120 cases of C. Diff against a target of 158. The figures relate to the year 2010/11.

Trust consultant microbiologist Dr Natasha Ratnaraja, said: "We are very plea sed that all the safeguards against MRSA we have put in place over the course of the last few years have obviously been working."

She added the promotion of good hand hygiene for staff, visitors and patients, have contributed.

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Brave police officers get awards

Pc Catherine Morgan, Pc Kate Peplow and Pc Diana Shaw with their awards with Amanda Baldwin, from the West Midlands Association of Women in Policing

THREE female police officers who tackled armed robbers during a bank raid in Birmingham are to receive the Medal of Valour.

Pc Kate Peplow, Pc Catherine Morgan and Pc Diana Shaw were threatened at gunpoint by the desperate criminals after rushing to intervene in the robbery in Handsworth, which had netted the gang £21,000 in cash. In January last year three cemetery workers were tied up before a JCB digger was driven off and used to ram a window at the bank.

The three officers were on routine patrol and heard over their radios that an armed robbery was in progress. As they made their way to the scene, they saw five men in nearby Murdock Road.

Pc Shaw stopped the police car and, as she did so, a gun was pointed at her. Pc Peplow got out, approached the men and asked them what they were doing.

One of the robbers pointed a sawn-off shotgun at her head but Pc Peplow deflected it with her arm. The offenders ran-off with the officers chasing them.

Two men were jailed for their part in the robbery, including ringleader Norman Grant, 44, of Birchfield Road, Perry Barr. Luke Daly, 27, of Holly Park Drive, Erdington, who was recruited to drive the digger, was jailed for a minimum of four years and 268 days.

The officers will go to America to collect their award from the International Association of Women in Policing, after getting awards from the West Midlands association.

Robber out on bail became a drug smuggler

A SERIAL criminal who robbed six frightened teenagers at knifepoint in the Black Country was freed on bail – and then started smuggling cocaine, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Oliver Bell was given police bail while waiting for the case to be dealt with and promptly caught a flight to the Caribbean.

The 29-year-old was arrested again weeks later while trying to board a plane back to England from Trinidad and Tobago when officials discovered he was carrying a "significant" amount of cocaine, Miss Heidi Kubik, prosecuting, told the court last week.

He was locked up and sentenced to three years' hard labour by the Caribbean authorities.

But the decision to release him in the first place was questioned by a judge when Bell finally faced justice in this country.

Bell, of Wood Norton Road, Rowley Regis, was jailed for a further four years and eight months for his crime spree in Halesowen.

Surprised

Judge Robin Onions said: "I am surprised that he was bailed after being charged with the robberies, especially since his previous convictions included two for failing to surrender and breaches of court orders."

Bell was in a gang of three who robbed a group of 15-year-old boys of four phones worth almost £800 at a recreation ground in Hurst Green, Halesowen.

Bell had warned the teenagers "Let go of the mobiles or I will stab you", Miss Kubik said.

The victims were grabbed round the neck and ordered to empty their pockets in the robbery, in May 2009.

Father-of-two Bell and another man then robbed a 17-year-old youth and girl aged 16 of a mobile, handbag and two gold chains in Leasowes Park, Halesowen, about three weeks later.

The youth noted the number of a blue Citroen Saxo parked nearby which matched a vehicle seen at the location of the earlier offence and turned out to belong to Bell's girlfriend.

He was arrested the next day and found to be in possession of one of the stolen mobile. None of the other stolen property was recovered.

Mr Jonathan Challinor, defending, said Bell found hard labour "horrendous".

Bell admitted the six robberies. He had been returned to the UK to complete his Caribbean sentence in this country this year in an exchange programme.

Primary teacher banned over emails

A TEACHER at a Birmingham primary school has been banned from the classroom for sending "inappropriate" emails to his pupils.

The General Teaching Council found Warren Belshaw guilty of "unacceptable professional conduct" while employed at Grestone Primary School in Handsworth Wood and banned him from teaching.

The council found that, whilst employed at the school between August 2002 and September 2009, he "sent emails of an inappropriate nature to pupils" and corresponded with a former pupil in 2007 despite an instruction not to.

Concerned

It said he breached the Code of Conduct and Practice for Registered Teachers, and fell "far short" of the standard expected.

Its decision states: "This case concerns a number of emails sent by Mr Belshaw over a period of time. We are concerned at the content and nature of the emails.

"The facts that we have found proved would be fundamentally incompatible with Mr Belshaw continuing to be a registered teacher."

The order means Mr Belshaw is struck off the Teaching Register indefinitely and cannot teach in maintained schools or non-maintained special schools. He may not apply for permission to re-register for two years, and, if he does so, will have to persuade a panel that he is fit to teach.

Mr Belshaw has a right of appeal to the High Court.

Crooks leave council taxpayers with the bill and cause danger on the roads

Metal thieves make off with drain covers

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THIEVES drove off with 19 drain covers from streets in Sandwell over the Easter holiday weekend.

A gang of men in luminous coats masquerading as council workers lifted the covers and loaded them into a van, according to residents.

Tipton was one of the areas hardest hit, with covers taken from Salter Road, St John's Road and Tibbington Terrace in Princes End.

Sandwell Council said that replacing the 19 covers already reported stolen will cost almost £10,000 and bosses anticipate more thefts will come to light.

Now Princes End ward Councillor Beatrice Owen has warned residents to check the names and numbers of any workmen arriving in vans.

Cllr Owen said: "I have received reports of men arriving in a van, bold as brass and removing covers, then fencing off the drains and placing a traffic cone on top.

"They wear high visibility jackets and operate in broad daylight, so people presume they are acting in an official capacity. However, this isn't the case and I would ask anyone who witnesses this happening to take down their number."

Cllr Mahboob Hussain, executive cabinet member at Sandwell Council, said there was an ongoing problem with the theft of drain covers.

And it is costing Sandwell Council tens of thousands of pounds a year.

Councillor Hussain said: "The cost of replacing these covers can be up to £500 each, dependant on type.

Hazard

"These thefts are totally unacceptable and cost the authority in the region of £40,000 per annum, as well as causing a hazard to the public.

"Over the Easter weekend there has been a spate of drain cover thefts, mainly in the Tipton area, which the council's emergency call out has been making safe as soon as they have been reported to us.

"Over the extended weekend officers have attended to 19 missing covers, however, this number is expected to rise as reports are continuing to come in."

Conman loses prison appeal

A SEX offender who rented three houses then sold them for hundreds of thousands of pounds has lost an appeal against the length of his jail term.

Narinder Singh Dosanjh made almost £300,000 by stealing the identity of landlords in Smethwick, Leicester and Birmingham before selling their properties to "quick purchase" companies.

The 40-year-old used false documents and even changed his name by deed poll.

He was jailed for three-and-a-half years at Wolverhampton Crown Court in October. He admitted failing to comply with the terms of the sex offenders' register, as well as the three counts of fraud. Lawyers for Dosanjh, of no fixed address, claimed the sentence was too long as he played a "minor role" in the con, which was orchestrated by other criminals.

But three senior judges, sitting at London's Court of Appeal, ruled Dosanjh played a "significant role" in the plot and upheld his prison term.

False

Judge Anthony Russell QC said Dosanjh took up a tenancy in Smethwick in November 2008. After being given false documents in the landlord's name, he sold the house to a "quick purchase company".

The firm, which hands over cash for homes at knock-down prices, agreed to pay £95,000 for the property, of which £65,000 was paid directly to Dosanjh. He then moved into rented accommodation in Leicester and carried out the same scam, turning the deal around in four weeks and netting a total of £77,000.

In April 2009 he rented a property in Birmingham and had £154,000 paid into his account after its fraudulent sale later that year.

He pleaded guilty on the basis that the plot was controlled by other criminals.

Dosanjh, who the judge said was on the sex offenders' register for an offence he committed in 2000, also admitted failing to notify the authorities of his movements.

Judge Russell, sitting with Lord Justice Richards and Mr Justice Holroyde, said: "His role was a significant one."

Baggies hero in the saddle

Albion hero Bob Taylor, front, is encouraged by, from left, nurse Tina Davies, Luke Skett, aged 13, nurse Jo Harvey, support group member Lynne Grigg, support group chairman Brian Childs and patient Heather Parker

BAGGIES legend Bob Taylor got a cancer charity fundraising drive off to a flyer at Sandwell General Hospital.

'Super Bob', who scored more than 100 goals for Albion, got on his bike to support the Upper GI Blues group.

The charity was set up five years ago to raise money to fund research into gastrointestinal cancer. Its latest enterprise is for volunteers to cycle 1,500km on a static bike in the hospital's reception – the equivalent distance of Land's End to John O'Groats.

Bob, aged 44, who rode the first 10km, said: "Everyone is affected by cancer in some way during their life and this type is one which many people are not aware of. When I got the call to come and support the cause, which of course supports a lot of Albion fans, I was delighted to help."

Brian Childs,Chairman of the Upper GI Blues group, survived the cancer 10 years ago after surgery at Sandwell General Hospital. The 64-year-old, of the Yew Tree Estate on the Sandwell/Walsall border, said: "We look to raise between £25,000 and £30,000 every year to support gastrointestinal cancer services."

Serco take over at recycling site

SERCO has taken over the running of a Sandwell rubbish tip and recyling site after securing a permit for the site, six months after taking over the borough's waste contract.

The private company won the £650 million waste contract in the borough, including collecting bins, in November last year but it has taken until now to secure permission to run Shidas Lane Recycling Centre in Oldbury.

Previous contractor May Gurney ran the tip until the official handover.

Councillor Derek Rowley, under whose portfolio the Serco contract falls, said the firm was unable to apply to the Environment Agency for a permit prior to winning the 25-year contract for waste in Sandwell.

He added management fees paid to May Gurney since November cost £650,000 but the expense was included in the Serco contract negotiations, because permit transfers take around five months to process.

Contracts have now been exchanged with all 136 binmen at Sandwell Council, following strike action, and their employment has been transferred to Serco.

No jobs were lost and Serco now pays the workers.

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Helping to renew the Norton brand

Simon Skinner (left) of Norton Motorcycles with Tony Sartorius from Alucast, Wednesbury

Report by SIMON PENFOLD

AN AWARD-WINNING Sandwell foundry is helping the rebirth of one of Britain's best-known motorcycle brands to gather pace.

Alucast, part of the MAN Group collaboration, has secured the contract to supply five engine parts to the current range of Norton motorcycles.

The company has used a range of aluminium alloys and design techniques to manufacture the rocker, sprocket, oil filter, left and right side engine covers, so that it contributes to not only the iconic appearance of the motorbike but also enhances its everyday driving performance.

It is a deal worth more than £200,000 to the Wednesbury-based firm and will help it build on a successful six months that has seen it win more than £1 million of new business.

Alucast managing director Tony Sartorius believes the contract is a real boost for British manufacturing: "Norton is recognised the world over and we are delighted to be playing a small, but important part, in helping the new company re-establish the brand and ultimately build unique motorcycles that are in demand all over the globe," he said.

"We were already supplying castings to the motorcycle industry, when a mutual contact arranged for us to meet with the people who had bought back Norton from the Americans in 2008. They were determined that the motorbike would be reborn and that the UK supply chain would account for over 85 per cent of its parts.

"This was a big opportunity to get involved with this exciting project and we've spent a lot of time and investment in working with their design engineers to get the look and performance of the parts in keeping with the overall feel of the bike.

"It's been a challenging project and stretched us in terms of innovation, design, process refinements, and management of our supply chain."

All of the parts are manufactured in Alucast's gravity casting foundry before being finish-machined at the company's in-house facility in the heart of the Black Country.

Due to Norton's exacting design requirements, the company chose two local suppliers who specialise in high-end metal polishing, where the finish is carefully applied to give them the unique appearance demanded by the client.

Simon Skinner, head of design at Norton Motorcycles, said: "When Stuart Garner bought the company off the Americans in 2008, all we were left with was a small facility and a half-made bike in the corner.

"I joined in February 2009 as the first employee and we immediately set about re-engineering the bike and getting the brand back into the marketplace.

"We had to build a completely new supply chain and were adamant that every part, where possible, should be sourced from the UK. This was once a great British manufacturing brand and we were determined to restore it back to its former glory."

He added: "Alucast were willing to work with us to develop the exact part and their technical knowledge of castings was key to a number of design improvements being made and for the end products being competitively priced.

"I also like the fact that if there is an issue we can be at each other's site in just over a hour, which, as a small company is great. We can't afford to lose people for days on end while they travel the world sorting out problems."

Norton,which was based in Birmingham in its heyday, is about to double its existing site in Donington in the East Midlands. It currently produces around 1,000 motorcycles every year across its Commando range, which includes the 961 SE, Cafe Racers and Sport models.

Clamour

The clamour for the hand-made motorbikes is huge. The company is reporting a 3,000-strong advance order book that will see it increase manufacturing to 1,500 by the end of 2011. This is set to more than double the existing workforce of 35.

Having gained full European type approval, Norton is set to secure full vehicle type approval in America, which should open up the global market.

Tony Sartorius added: "With over 85 per cent of the motorbike made in the UK, it is great news for British manufacturing that Norton is back and building world class motorcycles.

"There is no doubt that the engineers at Norton are in the process of expanding their model range and I envisage further opportunities for us to cast additional products."

Alucast is one of nine Midlands-based manufacturers that form the MAN Group.

Quality technician Glyn Millward at work

Molten aluminium being poured into a gravity cast at Alucast

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Clamour for Manor as wedding venue

WEDDINGS could be held at West Bromwich's historic Manor House by this autumn – after bosses were inundated with requests from people planning to tie the knot.

Bosses at the Grade I Listed building wanted to wait until the heritage state, once used as a pub, has undergone a million pound restoration scheme.

However, they said demand is so high the first nuptials could be held within months. Sandwell Council took over control of the 13th century building in 2009, after Marston's closed the pub and restaurant the year before.

At the time, chiefs said the site was set to become a heritage centre, museum and wedding venue.

Bosses are currently applying for more than £1 million of lottery funding to pay for restoration work at the house, on Hall Green Road, but said if the demand is there they will start to take bookings.

Frank Caldwell, principal officer for arts, museums and tourism for Sandwell Council said: "We are getting so much pressure we may start to take wedding bookings from autumn – although people must understand that if they want to get married now, the experience might not be as good as the one we will be in a position to offer in a few years' time."

Surveys

He said scores of couples have already approached staff to talk about availability. He added: "Every time we are open at least a couple of people ask us about weddings, and it is something that always comes up on our visitor surveys.

"This would be a lovely place to get married and an added bonus to holding weddings sooner rather than later is that it would help us generate some income to help with the work that needs to be done."

In addition to opening as a wedding venue the historic building is also looking at other ways to attract more visitors.

These include plan to open in the evenings for folk music nights and jazz concerts in the late summer.

In Sandwell couples looking for a historical venue for their nuptials can marry at the Victorian Haden Hill House. And those looking for a more modern venue can wed at West Bromwich art gallery The Public.

Storage room is medieval parlour – see page 15

Ryan Piggot, Sarah Parkes and Jack Moore of the Grow Your Own group at the RSA Academy

Green award

PUPILS at the RSA Academy in Tipton are celebrating after winning an award.

Tipton Litter Watch presented staff and pupils with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for their commitment to raising awareness about environmental issues.

Pupils have created allotments in the academy grounds where they grow a range of vegetables and their next step is to set up community allotments. A community orchard is also being established and the first apple trees have been planted at the school in Gospel Oak Road.

Waste

The academy's biodiversity group is busy creating habitats to encourage a wide range of species to take up residence on site.

Food waste is composted and used on the allotments and a vegetable box scheme is being introduced for parents and staff.

The Environmental Action Group at the school has written an Eco-Code which has been shared across the academy community.

Homes on eyesore site

TEN homes will be built on eyesore land which has become a magnet for rubbish.

Birmingham-based MDH Properties Ltd has been given permission to transform the area in Toll End Road, Tipton, into eight terraced houses and two semi-detached houses.

Housing was previously on the site but it was bought by the council 25 years ago for a road-widening scheme which never happened.

Planning documents submitted by Oldbury-based chartered architect Lane Lister Associates said the derelict site had become overgrown in recent years.

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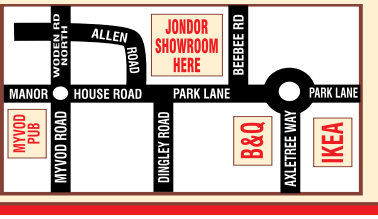

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Volunteers are being sought

COMMUNITY organisations in Sandwell are working together to encourage more people to volunteer.

They will be holding group sessions where volunteers can share their stories and ideas to encourage more people to give their time.

Economy

Volunteer Centre Sandwell chief executive Jean Taylor said: "With National Volunteers Week approaching we are celebrating all volunteers that are contributing to the local economy in so many ways."

National Volunteers Week runs from June 1 to 7. Contact Volunteer Centre Sandwell on (0121) 544 8326 or email Richard@volunteercentresandwell.co.uk.

Bluebell walk

A WILDFLOWER expert will lead a Bluebell Walk on Saturday at Sot's Hole Nature Reserve in Dagger Lane, West Bromwich, setting off from the main entrance at 2pm.

Booking is essential, call Sandwell Park Farm on (0121) 553 0220.

Housing developer is under fire over unfinished project

A DEVELOPER may have to start work on a stalled housing project after complaints that the site is an eyesore in its current state.

Bellway Homes has not finished work on the scheme in Wednesbury seven years after planning permission was granted.

Sandwell's economy chief has asked officers to see if there are enforcement powers they can use to speed up the project.

People living near the former Sandwell College site at Woden Road South submitted a petition to the council, urging members to "encourage" Bellway to finish what they had started.

They say unfinished homes are an eyesore but Bellway spokesman Julian Kenyon said the economic downturn meant it had no plans to finish the properties in the near future, but added that the site is kept under "regular review pending an improvement in market conditions".

Council cabinet member for jobs and economy, Councillor Ian Jones said he and fellow cabinet member for housing Simon Hackett and safety boss Derek Rowley would visit the site.

He said: "This has been in an area that has lain empty for seven years.

"In 2008 they actually asked for a variation in the planning application which we allowed them to do so as not to build apartments but to build three bedroom houses which we agreed, and still nothing almost three years later.

Enforcement

"I have asked officers to go away and look at enforcement powers that we have.

"We need to investigate the enforcement of the planning. It is totally unacceptable that a profitable organisation is showing such indifference to the residents of those areas who put the faith in them.

"It is not a good advertisement for Bellway and I am sure that when we are looking for partners in the future we are looking for responsible home builders. At the moment Bellway is stretching the patience of the residents and of the local members as well."

Hundreds of houses have already been built at the site where work began in 2004.

The majority of building work has been finished but two plots, including a small apartment block and four houses as well as a single individual plot, remain unfinished.

Survivors lead campaign on awareness of cancer

Keith White with the new cancer warning leaflet

THREE cancer survivors from the Sandwell area are leading a campaign to raise awareness about the disease.

June Higgs, Keith White and Surinder Kaur Bal have had breast cancer, bowel cancer and lung cancer respectively.

They are taking action after a study revealed a third of residents in Sandwell do not know basic warnings signs.

They appear on a Sandwell Primary Care Trust leaflet as well as on the trust website telling people to be aware of dangers.

A recent trust survey of nearly 1,200 people revealed 380 did not know the basic cancer warning signs. Retired Keith White, aged 64, of Cavendish Road, Halesowen, said NHS bowel cancer screening saved his life.

He was diagnosed after using a bowel cancer screening kit. "I would urge people to do this test," he said.

Spread

"Had it not been for the bowel cancer screening test, the cancer would probably have spread, which means treatment would have been more intensive, and who knows, I might not be here today," he added.

June Higgs, 70, of Great Barr, diagnosed with breast cancer after finding a lump in her breast in 2001, saw her doctor who referred her to hospital.

Mother-of-four Surinder Kaur Bal, of West Bromwich, has spent 18 months battling lung cancer.

She is urging people with symptoms – breathlessness and a persistent cough – to get help.

Mayor and deputy chosen

NOMINATIONS for the new mayor and deputy mayor of Sandwell have been made.

Deputy mayor Councillor Joyce Underhill has been nominated to take over the duties of current mayor Cllr Pauline Hinton when she steps down.

And Cllr Anne Shackleton, the borough's youth, culture and leisure chief, will become deputy mayor.

Council leader Cllr Darren Cooper moved a vote of thanks for outgoing mayor Cllr Hinton.

Brass band

THE Phoenix Brass Band perform at the 'Last Night of the Proms' in All Saints Church on Saturday, June 25, at 7.30pm.

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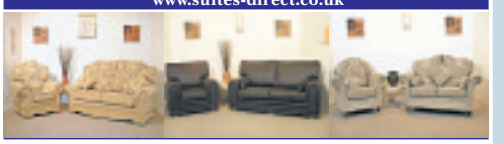

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Ropes park to open in summer

A £250,000 high-rope adventure park opens in Sandwell Valley this summer after plans won approval.

The new attraction will feature an assault course with swings, climbing nets and a suspension bridge. A 164ft zip wire and children's roundabout will also be included in the scheme, expected to open in July.

Plans were unanimously approved by Sandwell planning committee last month. It will be the borough's largest outdoor adventure playground aimed at youngsters aged between five and 13.

Funded

Itwill be funded by the Play Pathfinder Capital Programme, money from the Government to improve play facilities for children nationwide.

Council officer John Satchwell said: "We are all very proud of our facilities at Sandwell Valley which is a major visitor attraction. "We think these facilities will further enhance the facilities at Sandwell Valley."

Rubbish tip wins approval

A £10 million rubbish tip will be built in West Bromwich after the scheme was backed by Sandwell's planners.

Serco, which manages Sandwell's £650 million waste contract, is building the Eagle Recovery Transfer Hub at Hill Top.

Construction works will create 95 jobs, while a dozen people will run the plant when complete.

Serco has already handed Interserve a £10m contract to build the plant and work is set to start later this year.

Composting

The site will treat paper, glass, cans, plastics and cardboard, and also have a composting facility.

Backing the plans, planning committee member Councillor Roger Horton, said: "This is a win-win scheme for everybody."

Come Dine With Me stars Ian Jones, Khakan Qureshi, Amanda Challenor and Sophie Robbins when they met at TGI Friday's for their reunion party

Reunion of the Come Dine With Me TV pals

FROM a podium dacing plumberto a psychic care worker, TV show Come Dine With Me brought together an eclectic group in the Black Country last year.

But despite fireworks over the four days of feasting, Amanda Challenor, from Wednesbury, Ian Jones of Kingswinford, Khakan Qureshi, from Bearwood, and Sophie Robbins from Iverley, found they actually rather liked each other. So much so, that just over 12 months on, the contestants from the Channel 4 show met up for a reunion.

And this time someone else was doing the cooking.

The meeting, at Birmingham's TGI Friday's, was organised by winner Ian, aged 57, a financial adviser, who also brought along the Come Dine With Me cook book – in which three of the contestants have recipes.

Father-of-two Ian, aged 57, said: "Khakan and I clashed, particularly after I had too much to drink on the first night, but it was all good banter. We have all kept in contact since then."

Since appearing on the TS show, Sophie, aged 25, has had a baby daughter, Sunny-Rae, but is as busy as ever, plumber by day and a dancer and fire eater by night.

She said: "As a group I don't think we were half as bad as some I have seen on the show."

The show is famous for the sarcastic narrator Dave Lamb but no-one felt they got more than they bargained for. The group is unanimous in having no regrets about doing the show and have become something of celebrities in the Black Country.

Estate agent Amanda, a mother-of-one, said: "I kept getting stopped in Merry Hill by people calling my name. I loved it. I'd go on again in a second."

Spurred on by the show care worker Khakan has auditioned for another Channel 4 hit, Coach Trip, as well as ITV Lifestyle's, May the Best House Win.

He said: "Maybe my next calling is as a reality TV star. I have got the fame, now I just need the fortune."

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Smart move as club seeks new generation

President Derek Backhouse, left, and Lawrence Cooper with fellow members and some of the trophies

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West Bromwich Chess Club was first formed in 1897 and has produced top players.

These include Peter Harris, who was the European under-18s champion in the 1950s, and Lawrence Cooper, currently captain of the England chess team.

Now the club is looking to increase the popularity of the game among youngsters by promoting it in schools across the borough. Members will be offering coaching and organising matches for pupils.

Club president Derek Backhouse, from Great Barr, said: "At the moment we have 17 members aged between 25 and 70. We do encourage youngsters but, generally, we have struggled to attract them.

"A lot of youngsters may be interested in chess but they may also be interested in football. And they think it's more important that they're good at football because they want to be accepted by their peers."

Mind

Currently the club's youngest member is student Ryszard Maciol. He said: "I like competing with other people. I love winning. I like that fact it's all about mind games."

The club was founded at West Bromwich YMCA in St Michael's Street and became part of West Bromwich Institute. Now members meet at West Bromwich Labour Club, in Sandwell Road, every Monday at 7.30pm.

It has teams in four leagues – Birmingham Wolverhampton, Dudley and Cannock – and in the past two years has won the Birmingham and District Cup, Birmingham League Division Two and the Dudley League.

England chess captain Lawrence Cooper, from Staffordshire, is in his second season with the club. He said: "The chess situation in England is okay – we're ranked about 15th in the world – but I feel we should be doing better than that. At the moment the sport is dominated by eastern European countries like Russia. For them it's a way of life."

Mr Cooper said that situation could change if more youngsters got into chess from an early age.

Hamstead Junior School in Great Barr has signed up and any other schools interested can call (0121) 3574786.

Above,Councillor Sadie Smith presents Nick Walker with the club's Martyn Smith Trophy for the third year, below, members play matches

The chess club's youngest member is Ryszard Maciol

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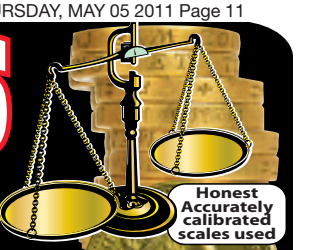

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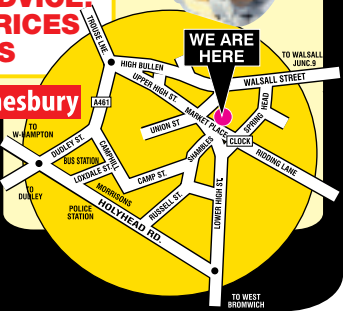

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REVIEWS

Russell Watson, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

A PACKED Symphony Hall erupted into hero worship for Russell Watson as 'The People's Tenor' was given a standing ovation before even singing a note.

In his own words, the welcome he received gave him goosebumps.

Watson skipped and danced onto the stage, looking fit and well, with no hint of the health problems that have dogged him recently. Classics from some of his earlier albums, along with numbers from his most recent release, La Voce, were all delivered with incredible energy, drama and passion.

Backed by an incredible 40-piece orchestra and wonderful singers, 'The Voice' opened with Somewhere from West Side Story and went on to present a good mixture of arias, along with covers of popular songs.

Nessun Dorma was breathtaking while Mary Jess, winner of China's version of the X Factor joined him for songs from the Phantom of the Opera. Jerusalem and Land Of Hope And Glory had the entire audience on their feet with some waving flags. Coming down from the stage,singing Volare, he mingled with the fans shaking their hands and they in return showered him with gifts.

LES JOWETT

Solid Silver 60s Show, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IT was the silver haired teenagers' night to party at the Grand Theatre for The Solid Silver 60s show. Aching joints were stretched to the limit as the audience stood and clapped along to the songs that reminded them of their youth. Non-stop hits of the decade were played by original groups that have matured just like those of us in the crowd.

Vanity Fair's Hi Ho Silver Lining, followed by Early in the Morning and Hitching a Ride started the party atmosphere. Wayne Fontana in his white cowboy hat and long white hair was greeted with cheers for Om Om Om, Game of Love and Pamela. Blues/Soul singer Chris Farlowe mesmerised the audience with Unchain my Heart, Handbags and Gladrags and Out of Time, while Dave Berry appeared behind the curtain showing his trademark white gloved hand. His songs included Little Things, Momma and the sensational Crying Game.

Terry Sylvester, formerly of The Hollies, sang their hits Just One Look and He Aint Heavy, He's My Brother.

The Mersey Beats' Wishing and Hoping, Sorrow and renditions of The Everly Brothers hits went down a storm.Sadly the night came to an end far too quickly but a good time was had by all.

LES JOWETT

The Essence of Ireland, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

IRISH eyes were smiling at the Grand Theatre for the fabulous Essence Of Ireland show.

The audience could not fail to be mesmerised by a good mixture of infectious traditional music together with a touch of Irish craic and spectacular dancing.

The crowd's love of the music was immediately obvious from the opening performance of an outstanding lone girl playing the fiddle. Exploding onto the stage like thunder, the magnificent sound of the awesome dancers' taps had the hairs on the back of my neck standing on end.There was not a sound to be heard from the audience as they listened for every click of the dancers' never still feet.

Energetic, graceful dance routines with incredible high kicks and flicks were breathtaking and performed with such perfect timing. A superb live band provided foot-tapping music for The Wild Rover, Molly Malone, Galway Girl and The Irish Rover. Solos of the emotional Danny Boy, the beautiful theme from Titanic and Westlife's You Raise Me Up received rapturous applause before a standing ovation followed three encores.

LES JOWETT

Macbeth, Royal Shakespeare Theatre

DIRECTOR Michael Boyd's version of Macbeth is a bloody exploration of evil, ambition and guilt with a powerful central performance from Jonathan Slinger as the selfish tyrant.

This first production in the transformed Royal Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon makes full use of the 'thrust' stage, on three sides surrounded by the audience, which is a larger version of the galleried Courtyard Theatre which was the Royal Shakespeare Company's home in recent years.

Actors enter from all angles, dangling from the ceiling, erupting from under the stage, running through the audience, or via smashed stained glass windows in Tom Piper's impressive ruined, cannon-blasted church set, where piles of debris smoulder and religious icons have been defaced. It suggests a time of turmoil and danger.

The distant thuds of explosive-like drums and the minimal notes from the trio of cellists provide a menacing soundscape and the pseudo-Elizabethan and leather costumes are effective.

Enter Macbeth, victor in the Scottish civil wars, who takes a supernatural prophecy as his cue to murder his king and claim the crown for himself, after the encouragement of his wife.

Not that Slinger's Macbeth needed much encouragement.

He is a smiling devil whose doubts and brief regrets are more to do with cowardice than human kindness or empathy. His wife knows this and it is she who is driven insane by guilt. Aislin McGuckin as Lady Macbeth gives a harrowing "out damned spot" scene.

Slinger spits out Shakespeare's lines with clarity and total conviction as the murdering tyrant, surely related to his memorable Richard III performed at Stratford a few years ago.

Youngsters take a central role. The witches, the Weird Sisters, become instead the Weird Children, and make their first appearance hanging from the ceiling like corpses on a gallows as they sing their prophecies to Macbeth and Banquo. The effect is very eerie and the audience later learn exactly who these ghostly children are.

Excellent support comes from the brawny tough guy Macduff of Aidan Kelly and Caroline Martin as the bitter Lady Macduff. Scott Handy radiates sorrow as Ross, the appalled witness to Macbeth's excess, and Howard Charles is gently impressive as the mild Malcolm, son of the murdered King Duncan, who finds enough steel in himself to take on Macbeth.

This is a production brimming with ideas, of which some work and some don't. Jamie Beamish's firework antics, as Seyton the gatekeeper, are baffling. Also, a scene with a multitude of dangling dolls to represent Banquo's heirs looks more Cabbage Patch than voodoo vision.

But the banquet scene is a triumph, Steve Toussaint's very physical ghost of the powerful dreadlocked Banquo comes crashing through a door to reduce Macbeth to a gibbering wreck.

This is a play in which the dead will not lie down. Then the scene is repeated without the ghost to show just how demented Macbeth must seem to his guests.

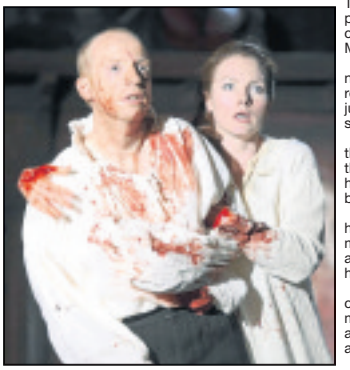
Be warned, the scene in which the throats of Macduff's children are slit as their watching mother is throttled is horrifying, but such an atrocity should be seen as horrifying.

Slinger's Macbeth seems to tire of his own malicious, duplicitous nature, musing upon death from his perch atop a ladder thrust out of the stage as his enemies close in.

In a world where smiling tyrants still cling to power via assassination and massacre, Macbeth remains relevant and fresh, and will remain so as long as men fall prey to "vaulting ambition".

Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre until October 6.

LEON BURAKOWSKI



Jonathan Slinger and Aislin McGuckin as the Macbeths. Photograph by Ellie Kurtzz/RSC

Fantastic Mr Fox the opera, Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

ENGLISH Touring Opera aims to encourage a young audience to experience opera with this adaptation of Roald Dahl's farmyard tale, first performed in California in 1998. A barely half full theatre for this one nighter suggests they have some way to go in achieving this.

However, 20 local youngsters had their first experience of appearing in an opera with children from Wolverhampton's East Park Junior and Woden Primary schools playing fox cubs and trees.

The witty libretto by Donald Sturrock and Tobias Picker's music, a mix of bucolic Vaughan Williams-lite incidental music and operatic pastiche, deserved a bigger audience.

It was good to have an orchestra in the Grand's pit, though they sometimes overpowered the vocals meaning lyrics were lost, despite selective surtitles shown on TV screens in the theatre's boxes.

Nicholas Merryweather was a swaggering Mr Fox complete with Rod Stewart-esque 70s hairstyle. Impressive vocal performances came from Miriam Sharrad's Mrs Fox, Welsh soprano Catrine Kirkman's lonely Miss Hedgehog, Carlyl Hughes' prancing Rita Rat and mezzo soprano Fiona Kimm as the Valkyrie-like digging machine Agnes.

But there was a feeling of anti-climax as the story seemed to fizzle out. It was Mediocre Mr Fox.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

Fantastic Mr Fox at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

Katie Melua, Symphony Hall, Birmingham

THE little lady in black showed she is a performer of enormous talent and contrast, switching seamlessly between rock chick, torch singer and playful songstress. Appearing first as a disembodied voice with her hit Closest Thing To Crazy the crystal clear tone of the Georgian singer sliced across the hall until it finally split the curtain to reveal the star looking both sexy and the innocent, girl next door.

Katie extolled the pain of love through tracks like If You Were A Sailboat, the dark, slightly sinister I'd Love To Kill You - a track from latest album The House – The One I Love Is Gone and Call Off The Search.

This contrasted with her rock/blues chick side which came through on her cover of Canned Heat's Going Up The Country and God On Drums, Devil On The Bass. To further demonstrate her versatility she did a solo, soulful rendition of Lilac Wine, made famous by Elkie Brooks.

Katie let her more playful side take stage with Tiny Alien and Red Balloons, accompanied by videos and graphics projected onto the back screen. She kept her biggest hit, Nine Millions Bicycles, for the encore after an appreciative audience refused to budge until Miss Melua came back on stage. She finally said goodbye with the hauntingly sung I Cried For You.

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Councillor Beatrice Owen and church warden Robert Harding at the tree

Tributes can be shared

A TREE of remembrance has been created in a Tipton churchyard.

The tree, in the grounds of St John's Church in Upper Church Lane, has been blessed and people can now pay £2 to have a cross hung from the branches in memory of a relative or friend who has died.

Crosses will remain in the tree for a month as a way of marking a recent bereavement or an anniversary.

The memorial tree was the idea of Councillor Beatrice Owen, member for Princes End, Tipton.

She said: "The crosses are made from cardboard and hung with wire and can be bought from the church.

"People can put names on them or whatever they wish, then they are hung from the branches.

"We have already put up about about 80 and have made about £200."

Turbine only any good in a gale, says councillor

PLANS for a £3 million wind turbine in the middle of a Sandwell beauty spot have been called "unrealistic" by opponents.

Sandwell Council is considering installing a 200ft high structure in Sandwell Valley to power 1,500 homes, but the plans were criticised by the borough's Conservative group leader Councillor Ray Nock.

Council bosses say if a wind turbine was installed in Sandwell Valley it would be screened by foliage and high trees and the noise would be drowned out by the M5.

But Cllr Nock said: "The only way these turbines provide as much electricity as is hoped is if they are in the middle of a blustering gale and that is not going to be the case."

Power

The site is apparently the only one suitable in the borough which has sufficient wind flow and does not affect flight paths to Birmingham Airport or is too close to overhead power lines.

Another site which was considered for a turbine was the Rowley Hills which offers some of the highest viewpoints in the Black Country, but the hills were not deemed suitable.

The turbine scheme is one of a number of 'spend to save' projects put on hold as the council battles to claw back £75 million in the next four years.

The borough already has one publicly-owned turbine – a 33ft Air Dolphin turbine off Taylors Lane, Oldbury, near the rubbish dump in Shidas Lane.

Pub expansion plan

A WEST Bromwich pub is set to almost double in size under plans for an extension.

Mr Suraj Kumar, who owns The Britannia Inn, wants to build a new function room, kitchen and games room at the Dial Lane pub. Plans for the scheme have been submitted to Sandwell Council.

In a design and access statement submitted along with the application by architects Seven Design Build, it says improvements would also include a new entrance and extra toilet space. The 3,153 sq ft area of the extension almost doubles the area of the existing 3,218 sq ft site.

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Doreen's story

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In the past I would have to consider what food to eat and there was always a problem with food particles becoming trapped under the bottom denture. I no longer have any problem at all and do not have to consider what food I should have or how to eat it.

Life has changed dramatically. The dentures are so stable I no longer have to cut an apple to eat it.Another great benefit is that I don't have to continually wash my dentures.

I can understand how people would feel nervous about having implants. I am 81 and certainly don't feel too old to invest in such a life-changing experience.

Peter's story

I can eat anything, but that's not always been the case. It's as if I have my natural teeth back and I cannot believe the difference.

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On my first consultation I explained the difficulty I was having in stopping my lower dentures from moving around and not being retained in a comfortable position.

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The insertion of the implants was painless – no different to having a filling.

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-crafted dentures, securing them to the implants.

They were a superb fit, a situation I had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confident I was making the right decision.

The stability of the denture is just great and I can happily go to any restaurant without thinking about what suitable choice might be on the menu.

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Terry's story

I'm a confident guy, you know, nothing really keeps me down – even when things are not good. But I had nine years of trouble with my teeth and eventually it began to erode my confidence.

I would never have believed it; I'd have a laugh about it, but it really isn't funny when you have unresolved problems with false teeth.

My dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money – what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural.To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.

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Storage rooms are found to be a medieval parlour

STORAGE space and utility rooms at West Bromwich's Manor House could be opened to the public after they were found to be in the oldest part of the Grade I listed building.

The remains of a medieval parlour have been discovered at the 13th century building in Hall Green Road, in an area not open to the public. The building in Hall Green Road has been described as one of the borough's most important heritage sites. It had been converted into a pub, which closed down in 2008.

Since Sandwell Council took over, work has been ongoing to restore the building and open it as a tourist attraction. The importance of the storage area was discovered as work on a bid for £1.3 million lottery cash began. Frank Caldwell, principal officer for arts, museums and tourism at the council said: "We have made a significant change to our original plan to redevelop the Manor House, which will see us bring areas in the north wing back into public use. We have found this is the best preserved medieval part of the building. Included in these is a downstairs parlour with fireplace, which is thought to be the earliest surviving in the West Midlands."

New library to open later this month

A NEW £1.9 million Black Country library will open on Monday, May 23.

Blackheath Library will provide new facilities as well as offices for Black Country Housing Group.

When it opens in the High Street, the town's old library in Carnegie Road will be sold by the council.

The new site has twice the floor space of the old library and features self-issue systems, more PCs and wireless internet access. The former Neville Gee hair salon and Salvation Army shop made way for the new library.

The scheme was originally approved by Sandwell Council planners, but a public inquiry was ordered by the Secretary of State after owners of the two affected businesses appealed against compulsory purchase orders.

However, the inquiry was scrapped as the businesses withdrew objections after reaching financial agreements with the council.

The latest library opening follows the unveiling of Oldbury's £6m Jack Judge House which replaces the former Oldbury Library.

Kind-hearted company steps in to save school's garden project

A SANDWELL special school's two-year campaign for a new sensory garden has ended in success after a firm offered to do more than £30,000 worth of work free of charge.

Just a few weeks ago it looked like the project at the Meadows Sports College in Oldbury, would have to be abandoned because only a fraction of the £82,000 target had been raised.

But construction company Interserve Developments has stepped in, pledging to complete the work in what principal Gordon Phillips describes as an Anneka Rice-style one-day challenge.

"I am over the moon," said Mr Phillips. "When they first came and said they would do some work for us we had no idea it would be on this scale. Then we saw the plans and we thought 'wow'. I can't believe it. It's almost like winning the lottery."

The sensory garden, which is due to be built on Tuesday (May 10), will include special shrubs and equipment to stimulate pupils' senses. There will be a number of musical instruments and boards with different textures too.

Even with this latest boost and the school's fundraising, which achieved £36,000, the garden will have to be a scaled-down version of the original plans.

But Mr Phillips said it was still an incredible change in fortunes considering that at one point, it looked as if the garden would not be built at all.

He said: "We tried to be upbeat because the staff did not want me telling them 'this is not going to happen' and it has been hard.

"I told them two years ago that by April 2011 we would have this money. I said 'I don't know how we are going to do it but if we don't set high targets you don't get them'."

Blows

The good news follows a trio of fundraising blows to the Dudley Road East-based school. The Government originally promised to contribute £25,000 to the project but that was withdrawn.

The school also lost out on £2 million anticipated funding when the coalition scrapped Labour's Building Schools For the Future Scheme. Ring-fenced specialist funding worth almost £130,000 was also lost.

Mr Phillips raised £1,500 on his own by taking part in a 10k run.

The new police station being built by Tesco on Moor Street

Transformation of town centre gets under way

SWATHES of West Bromwich town centre have been transformed into a giant building site as preparations begin for the creation of a £200 million shopping and leisure development.

Piles of rubble lie where a primary school once stood, with hoardings around empty land that was once home to a bustling row of shops.

Plans for the ambitious Tesco scheme have been under discussion for the last 10 years.

Demolition started in West Bromwich town centre in 2009, with the start of building work now just weeks away.

Bosses at Sandwell Council claim that Tesco has already spent in excess of £40 million in the town centre – before a single brick has been laid.

Spending includes the creation of the £5 million Eaton Valley Primary School in Sandwell Valley – built to replace Cronehills Primary, bulldozed in 2009 to make way for the new development.

Tesco has also also paid £10m for a new police station on the corner of Moor Street and Bowater Street, to replace an ageing 1960s block, currently standing in the way of the developer.

This is set to be knocked down once staff have moved to the new facility this summer.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for jobs and economy said: "This is a very exciting time for West Bromwich. Everything is in place now ready for work to begin.

"This really is the culmination of years of talks and negotiations and represents a real commitment to West Bromwich from Tesco.

Commitment

"It has already seen the company spend £40m on a new school, new police station and land aquisition, without laying a single brick – which shows a serious commitment to Sandwell.

"Construction vehicles will be arriving imminently and work will start within weeks."

Earlier this month it was confirmed that construction giant Vinci will be the contractors for the scheme, which will cover 570,487sq ft of the town centre and bring 2,000 jobs to the area.

The first phase of the development, to be completed and open by Christmas next year, will include 144,236sq ft Tesco Extra, cinema, shops, restaurants and a petrol station.

The A41 and empty land where Cronehills Primary School stood

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Up for awards at Marchella's International Hair Salon in Great Barr are, from left, Lucy Holmes, owners Keith and Marchella Broughton and Joanne Robbins

Hairdressers up for prizes

AWARD-WINNING hairdressers at a salon in Great Barr are celebrating after being nominated for accolades in a national competition.

Staff at Marchella's International Hair Salon are hoping for four gongs at the Hairdresser of the Year Awards which is being organised by the National Hairdressing Federation. In addition, owner Keith Broughton is set to be inducted into the hall of fame, while his wife Marchella will be awarded for services to hairdressing.

The award ceremony takes place at the Holiday Inn in Coventry on May 9. Keith, aged 51, has won dozens of awards for his snipping skills over the years. He used to train and manage the Great Britain team.

The salon in Birmingham Road is also up for the salon of the year award, while staff member Joanne Robbins is nominated for hairdresser of the year and colourist of the year, while Lucy Holmes is nominated for the junior of the year award.

Road to be narrowed in bid to cut danger

SAFETY work costing thousands of pounds is planned for a slip-road used as a rat-run by drivers.

A total of £5,700 will be spent on realigning a Wednesbury junction branded dangerous by residents. Motorists trying to avoid a major roundabout close to the M6 started using it as a cut-through.

Sandwell Council confirmed the scheme will reshape the slip road off Park Lane on the Wednesbury and Darlaston border, to make the turn sharper and narrower for drivers.

It comes after almost a year of campaigning following several "near misses" between cars and pedestrians. Work is set to start within the next few months.

Councillor Peter Hughes, member for Wednesbury North said: " People see the roundabout close to Axletree Way coming up and use the road as a left hand turn to bypass it.

Campaigning

"They are travelling at speed and there have been several near misses, when children have narrowly avoided being hit.

"Residents living close to this piece of road have been campaigning for the last 12 months to have something done about it. They don't want it blocked off but believe something needed to be done to reduce speeds. Thankfully the highways department has taken some of their concerns on board and is now looking to rearrange the road design."

Cllr Hughes said he was hopeful that work could start within six weeks.

Sandwell Council's member for safer neighbourhoods, Cllr Derek Rowley said he hoped that the changeswill act as a deterrent to speeding motorists.

He said: "We are going to pinch the corner to make it a tighter turn to try to tackle this problem.

"The safety of residents of the area is of paramount importance to us. I hope the residents are now satisfied that the council is taking their concerns seriously and hope this work, which will cost £5,700, will make a difference. Work is set to start imminently."

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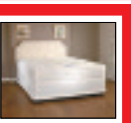

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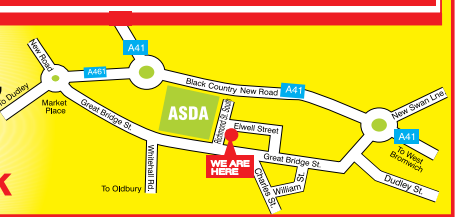

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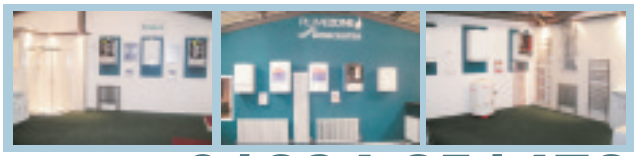

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Getting to grassroots of football coaching

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CALLING all you sports fans, the Grass Roots Football Show is back for 2011 and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

This year's must attend football event will take place at The NEC in Birmingham on Friday June 3 - Sunday June 5.

The Grass Roots football family have shown their support since the show launched in 2005 with over 60,000 attendees making it is the biggest event of its kind in Europe.

2011 is set to be the biggest yet with new show ambassador Robbie Savage being joined by a host of the biggest names in football. The Derby County and former Welsh international has developed a keen interest in football coaching and the development of junior football as he comes to the end of his illustrious career.

He said: "This is the best show of its kind in Britain and deserves an ever greater platform and profile.

Opportunity

"I am the proud parent of two young sons who are starting out on the grass roots footballing ladder. It is vital that all young children in this country – boys and girls – are given the very best coaching development as they grow up.

"This show encourages the development of coaches and of best coaching practice. Most of all, its vital that our youngsters enjoy playing football and are encouraged to continue playing the game at adult level too.

"This show offers an opportunity for all of the thousands of coaches and those involved in the grass roots game to meet up with the professionals and learn and showcase new skills, coaching clinics and be educated and entertained.

"I have the utmost admiration and respect for all the junior football coaches who devote their time, money and energies into giving our young people a chance to play organised football."

Grass Roots Football Director, Joanna Burns, said; "Grass roots football is one of the hottest topics in sport at the moment. With major announcements due in the coming weeks, we are planning the most exciting show in the history of the event and we can't wait to get started.

"This year we have more coaches, more experts, more players and greater participation and we aim to reinforce the Grass Roots Football Show as the must attend event for coach education and development in the UK. We are urging all of the football family to come and get involved, have fun and learn from the very best football people."

The Grass Roots Football Show is the premier destination for the grass roots football family with leading sports brands, governing bodies, coaches and youngsters attending.

To stand a chance of winning free tickets simply answer the following question.

- **Who is the new show ambassador?**

Tickets: www.thetickettfactory.com or call 0844 338 8000. Adult -£15, Child (under 16) - £7.50, Senior Citizen - £7.50, Family (2+3)- £37.50. (plus transaction fee)

For further information go to www.grassrootsfootball.co.uk

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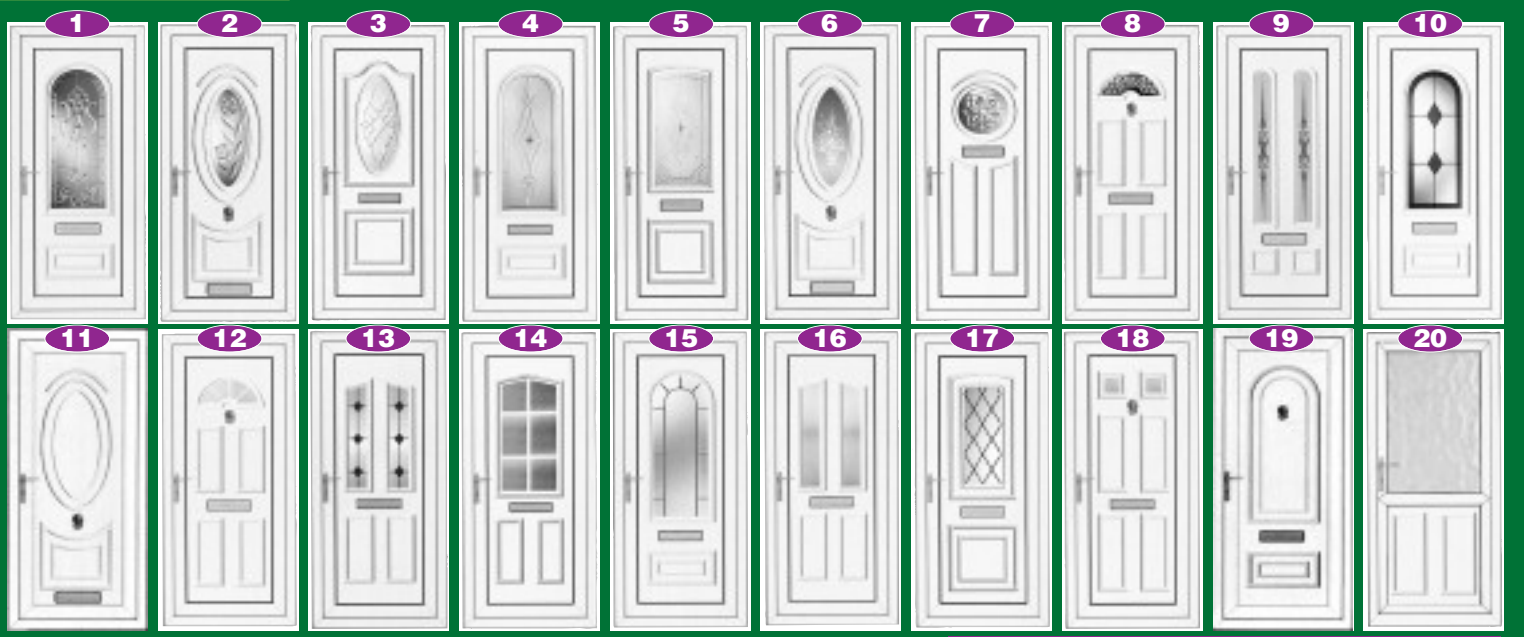

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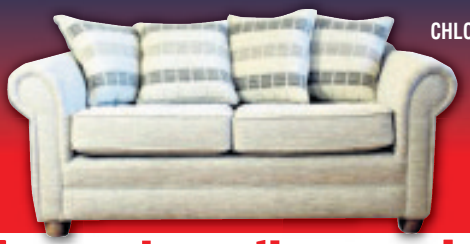

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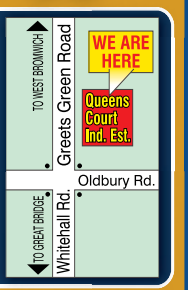

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Have say on the future

MEMBERS of the public are being given the chance to have their say on how the borough can be a better place to live, work and study.

They are invited to the annual scrutiny stakeholder meeting which is taking place on Thursday, May 26, in the Council Chamber at Sandwell Council House in Oldbury. A young people's stakeholder event on Saturday, May 21, at The Public in West Bromwich.

For more information on either event contact Adam Richardson on (0121) 569 3160.

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Sisters Jayne Peasley (left) and Gillian Phipps outside J&J's Park Lane Cafe in Wednesbury, which has been awarded five stars in a recent hygiene assessment

Sisters' cafe venture gets hygiene award

A CAFE in Wednesbury has shown it has got all the right ingredients after being awarded the top rating in a food hygiene inspection.

J & J Park Lane Cafe scooped five stars in their recent check, making them one of the top dining establishments across the area.

The cafe, which is run by sisters Jayne Peasley and Gillian Phipps, was opened six years ago as the duo's first business venture.

Undergoing an inspection every 18 months, the cafe has previously been awarded silver status under the old assessment scale.

Jayne, of Collins Road, said: "It is brilliant to be recognised for our efforts. We have put in so much hard work and it has all be worth it to be able to display our success to all of our customers.

"To know that we are one of the top establishments in the area for health and hygiene is great, we always try to keep on top of everything.

Customers

"We have a lot of dedicated customers who come in to the cafe daily and we hope now that it gets even busier so we can show more people the wide variety that we have to offer."

The business is slowly expanding and the sisters employed their first member of staff just four weeks ago to help deal with their growing customer base.

Get thinking – live longer

DID you know that you may live longer by thinking harder ? Brain cells don't just die as people get older, they can also regenerate. Men and women who feel positive and happy tend to live longer.

Sandwell U3A is an organisation for people, no longer in full time employment, who want to develop friendships and widen their horizons

There are special groups for those who have an interest in music, literature, local history and the environment, art, Latin and Italian languages.

Members can participate in play reading and visit local theatres. Trips are arranged to places of interest, locally and further afield. For those who enjoy food there is a monthly lunch group meeting at local hostelries.

Apart from these special interest groups, there is a general meeting on the second Monday of each month at The Public, West Bromwich, at which guest speakers cover a very wide range of interesting topics.

Sandwell U3A is keen to attract new members from all parts of the borough, and from a wider range of ethnic groups.

Full details can be found on u3asites.org.uk/sandwell. Information on membership can be obtained from Mike Matthews on 0121 357 9018.

Phil Page
Communications Officer,Sandwell University of the Third Age
Burrelton Way
Great Barr

Struggling pensioners not taking up help

Millions of pensioners are struggling to make ends meet and are suffering real hardship. And yet many of them are entitled to Pension Credit they never claim.

A recent survey by Turn2us has revealed startling statistics on the plight of pensioners in today's society. A report published only last week suggested that a staggering eight in 10 of those eligible for Pension Credit were simply not taking it up.

According to the charity, these results are particularly troubling because over the past six months, a quarter of those surveyed have struggled to pay household bills, a third have had difficulties covering their housing costs, one in 10 has had to miss one of their three meals a day, and more than half have struggled to buy clothes for themselves.

In 2008/09 the amount of unclaimed Pension Credit was between £1,630m-£2,930m. It is vitally important pensioners and those who will retire before the state pension changes come in to effect, are aware of potential welfare entitlement. Check the benefits checker at www.turn2us.org.uk to see what you may be entitled to, how much and where to claim.

Esther Rantzen CBE
Ambassador, Turn2us

Is speed bump idea a joke?

AM I going mad? I have just read in the Chronicle dated 14th April about a scheme to install speed bumps to discourage kerb crawlers. Is this a joke? Surely speed bumps are to slow drivers down, effectively turning them into kerb crawlers, or is this a scheme to fine all drivers along this stretch to bolster police funding?

Roger Smith,
Rousdon Grove,
Great Barr

Henry was one of the best

THE boxing world has lost on its all time greats. Henry Cooper was a great British champion who nearly became a world champ but sadly the cuts to his eyes ruined his chances. But Henry wasn,t just a great fighter who gave the great Muhammad Ali a fright, he was also a gentleman of the ring inside and out of it. Rest in peace, Henry. You were one of the best.

S T Vaughan
Glastonbury Road
Yardley Wood

Guide to posting letters

REGARDING Royal Mail letters and card in The Chronicle of April 21. I received a Royal Mail size guide explaining the sizes and prices of stamps to be used. If people haven't got one, you can get one from a local post office branch or call the customer helpline on 08456 113 113.

Inside this guide is the size of envelopes and thickness. Also, I think it's rather a lot to pay a £1 handling charge just to receive a letter. It's different if it's a parcel, but you're not told until you get to the delivery office what it is.

Also, if people send cards, opt for a smaller one instead of very large cards.

Eva Warr
Hales Lane
Smethwick

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Tips from Sandwell Citizens' Advice Bureau

Q I'm a private tenant but it's a struggle to pay my other essential bills after I've paid the rent.

There just doesn't seem to be anywhere cheaper to rent round here. Is there anything I can do?

A If you are on a low income, regardless of whether you are working or on benefits, you may be entitled to help towards paying your rent through the housing benefit system. But the amounts paid out in housing benefit (sometimes also known as local housing allowance or LHA) to private tenants are about to be radically cut.

So it's important to get your claim in as soon as possible before the changes come into force in April.

That way, as long as your circumstances don't change, you will be protected against the cuts for over a year, giving you more time to try and find somewhere else to live if you need to.

New claimants will be affected immediately by the lower rates, but people already receiving housing benefit will not be affected until nine months after the anniversary date of their claim, unless they move home or the size of their household changes – for example someone leaves.

Anyone facing a shortfall between their housing benefit and their rent as a result of the cuts should find out if their landlord will reduce the rent in return for getting paid housing benefit direct.

They can also apply for a discretionary housing payment.

And anyone who thinks they may have to move as a result of a cut in their housing benefit should seek advice from their local council's housing options service.

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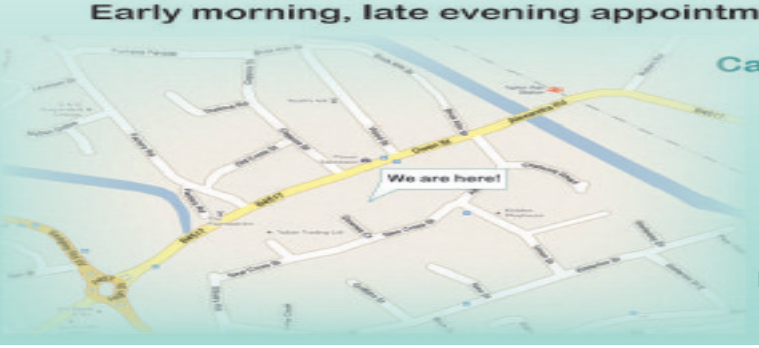

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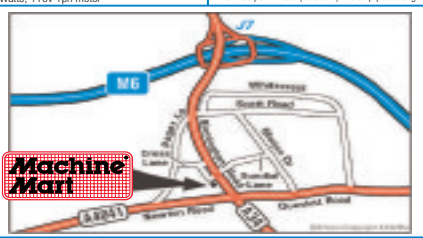

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3D dazzles at show

THE Gadget Show Live last month proved a phenomenal success and further established the show at the NEC as the UK's leading consumer technology event.

The show attracted a record attendance figure of 104,759 with around 20,000 consumers visiting each day the show was open to the public.

Based on the popular Five television programme, The Gadget Show Live, the event had over 200 exhibitors showcasing thousands of products.

Visitors trialled exciting gadgetry and had the chance to interact with the latest in 3D, gaming, tech transport and the latest tablets to rival – or under cut in price – the highly desirable iPad.

Those attending the show also experienced technology of the future in the Future Tech Zone, with everything from eye and mind control gaming through to augmented reality and truly wireless technology for the home on display.

More than 67,500 people attended the Super Theatre, which accommodated just under 4,500 visitors three times daily. Presenters from the TV show, Jason Bradbury, Wolverhampton's Suzi Perry, Jon Bentley, Ortis Deley and Pollyanna Woodward gave a high-energy performance. The latest in wearable technology from CuteCircuit was also showcased with a specially designed electronic dress made exclusively for Pollyanna.

Several World Records were smashed at this year's show, including the world's lightest touch-screen mobile phone, awarded to sWaP and the largest mobile phone gaming party organised by Kick Energy in the Game Zone.

The Gadget Show Live also hosted the first UK viewing of several eagerly anticipated games including DiRT3 from Codemasters (released May 24), the new Duke Nukem game from 2K games and EA's Need for Speed: Shift 2 Unleashed.

The first up-to-28mph street legal e-bicycle, the Grace E Bike was also launched in the UK at the show, Personal Projector showed their new pico range and Wacom had an exclusive preview of their new Stylus Bamboo range for the iPad.

University

The University of Wolverhampton was represented at the show for the second year and were a part of the exciting new possibilities in 3D technology, which were a major element of the show.

Visitors to the university's stand were able to wear 'stereo shutter glasses' and test their skills at forklift truck driving in a 3d virtual reality environment. Academics and students on architecture and design courses have developed stereoscopic 3D virtual environments so buildings can be explored before they are even built.

Two interactive robots developed by lecturers for budding computer engineers to learn theory hands-on and a console-controlled airship designed by final year student Ed Wilson were also on show.

Crowds of gadget lovers tried out the latest tech

Tablets, apps and 3D were the hottest topics across the show. There was a lot of interest in the budget but good looking tablet computers from View Quest and Elonex, which aim to make tablets affordable enough for one per family member rather than one tablet per household.

Gadgets guru Tom Dunmore previewed some of the amazing applications (apps) coming our way and predicted the triumph of the Android market across several tech platforms. It is currently mostly used by mobile phone users and gives access to 30,000 apps, from maps to barcode readers to games. He previewed an instant translation app which you can hold in front of foreign writing, near field communication to find items in shops and virtual money that will make phones/tablets more like a wallet, and just as essential when leaving the home.

3D was everywhere, from Nintendo 3D's no glasses required gaming, to impressive high end 3D TVs and laptops from suchas Sony and Panasonic.

Among the quirkier items were California's NeuroSky with their Mindwave headset which allows the user to interact with a programme using their minds, pioneering the ultimate form of hands-free gaming. The wider future of this most sci-fi type of tech, based on brainwave reading medical equipment, is mind-boggling with such projects as mind-controlled wheelchairs being developed.

And for those who hate housework, iRobot's range of vacuum-cleaning bots, which sense the environment around them and can do the vacuuming whilst you are out, were a welcome innovation.

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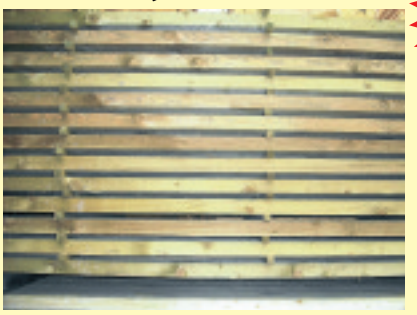
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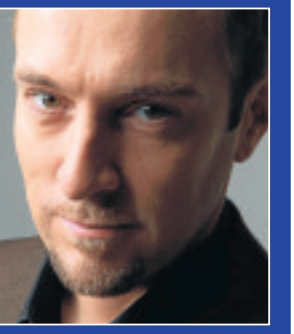

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Delta's made sounds of the country with Mersey beat

IMAGINE that Dolly Parton was from Liverpool rather than the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Now hear Delta Maid.

This 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Wavertree has a voice as keen and clear as country air and is about to make an impact with her debut album, Outside Looking In, which draws upon country and blues music, as much Mississippi as Mersey.

"Sometimes you don't fit a niche,"she said. "There's pressure on you to fit in and do the popular thing.

"I know I don't fit the mould but just take a chance and it might work."

Major record label Geffen certainly hope so and the signs look good. New single Of My Own has been getting Radio 2 airplay and there is a new, younger audience for country-pop crossover music, thanks to such as Taylor Swift and emerging sister act The Pierces. West Midlands music fans can catch up with the Delta sound when she performs at Birmingham's Glee Club on Monday, May 9, the day her album is released.

Delta Maid – Glee Club date

Wolves date in Manics mini-tour line-up

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MANIC Street Preachers come to Wolverhampton this month for one of only three gigs in a mini-tour and the only date outside their native Wales.

The powerhouse rock trio will play the seaside resort of Llandudno and then the Civic Hall on Thursday, May 19, before a triumphant return to Cardiff for their first gig in the Welsh capital since 2007.

Bassist Nicky Wire said: "We are really looking forward to playing Cardiff CIA again as it has been over three years since we played there. It will be a great warm up for the festival season and a perfect way to end what has been a brilliant campaign for Postcards For A Young Man.

"On the last dates (and these coming up) we've been playing lots of songs from our past too which has been really enjoyable."

The band released the title track of their latest album Postcards From A Young Man earlier this year.

Their formidable back catalogue includes such modern day rock classics as Motorcycle Emptiness, A Design For Life, Everything Must Go, Australia, If You Tolerate This Your Children Will Be Next.

Also You Stole The Sun From My Heart, The Masses Against The Classes, Empty Souls, There By The Grace Of God, Your Love Alone Is Not Enough and Autumnsong.

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Buster hits Bullseye in canine Oliver! role

West Bromwich Operatic Society (WBOS) present Lionel Bart's hugely popular musical Oliver! at the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from May 10 to 14.

Directed by Mike Capri, Oliver! stars Ben Evans from Wombourne, with Terry Gormley from Kinver as Fagin, Sarah Moors, of Sutton Coldfield as Nancy, Steve Coussens from Kidderminster as Bill Sykes, Mason Kelly from Sandwell as The Artful Dodger and Callum MacArthur from Walsall as Mr Bumble.

The children's chorus is made up of youngsters from all over the area and includes members of The Grand's Get-In Youth Scheme. Children were recruited following auditions last year. The society also held auditions to find a dog to play Bullseye and the successful applicant was English bull terrier Buster.

At the National Operatic and Dramatic Association Awards last week, WBOS won Best Production 2010 in the Black Country. The Society also won three top awards at this year's Birmingham & District Theatre Guild; Best Direction in a Musical went to Tim Brown and Oliver! Director Mike Capri for last year's Jesus Christ Superstar; long-standing WBOS member John Wetherall won Most Outstanding Male for his role in Beauty and The Beast. The society also scooped the top prize of Outstanding Achievement In A Musical for Beauty And The Beast. In total they were nominated for nine awards.

The Duchess of Dudley Lizzie Wiggins is top of the bill with Brummie comic Don Maclean for a Night At The Musical Hall, the second night of which is being held tonight (Thursday) at The Grand. It also features West Midlands entertainers Dave Sealey, ventriloquist Ken Wood, musicians Adante and Wolverhampton soprano Sheila-Jane Wood, introduced by Duggie Chapman MBE.

Illusionist and mind trickster Derren Brown brings his new show Svengali to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre for 10 dates starting on Monday. It is described as not suitable for the under 12s.

Comedy legend John Cleese comes to Birmingham Hippodrome as part of his alimony tour on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Other comedy highlights include: Saturday, Cbeebies presenters Andy & Mike bring their Big Box of Bananas for a family show at Birmingham Town Hall at 11am; Paul Chowdrhy takes political correctness head on in Not PC at Birmingham Town Hall on Saturday evening, or you can catch him at Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall on May 13; Trigger Happy TV and jungle veteran Dom Joly recalls his attempt to fly across the Grand Canyon strapped to a rocket and other anecdotes at Birmingham Town Hall on Monday and again at the Wulfrun Hall on Tuesday; Rob Rouse is at the Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton on Tuesday; Iran-born Shappi Khorsandi and Jon Richardson team up at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Thursday, May 12.

John Cleese – Alimony tour

Barry Walker's Smackee go back to the 1950s and 60s for nostalgic musical show Memories Are Made Of Hits at Dudley Concert Hall for a 2pm matinee performance on Tuesday.

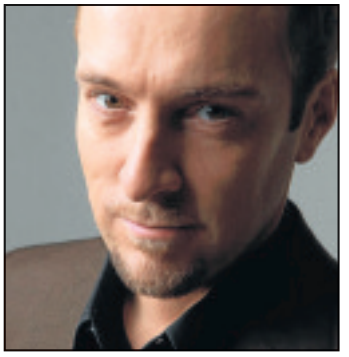
The stage at Stoke's Regent Theatre is turned into an ice rink for The Imperial Ice Stars' version of Swan Lake on Ice from Tuesday to Saturday. That's after Joe Longthorne entertains at the Regent on Sunday for one night only.

Michael Boyd's Macbeth continues at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, as does Gregory Doran's version of 'lost' Shakespeare play Cardenio at the Swan in the same RSC theatre complex.

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged!) are performed in around an hour and a half (that's 37 plays in 97 minutes) by the Tread The Boards Theatre Company at Birmingham pub theatre The Old Joint Stock tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. Rumchum present Chekhov's The Bear at the same venue on May 12, at 2pm and 8pm.

Birmingham Crescent Theatre has Six Characters in Search of an Author at the Ron Barber Studio from Saturday, May 7 to 14.

Derren's yet again playing mind games



Derren Brown returns to the stage with Svengali

BE prepared for a theatrical roller-coaster ride as the master of psychological illusion returns to the stage in Birmingham with a brand new show Derren Brown: Svengali.

With 73 dates so far confirmed across the UK, including ten at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday, Derren again sets out to show why he is one of the world's most renowned live performers; a master of magic, mind control and manipulation. This is his fifth tour and is expected to sell out as quickly as Derren Brown: Enigman.

The mind-bending performer said: "I love writing and performing the stage shows more than anything. It'll be a full evening of mind-melting based around audience participation. More than that I wouldn't want to say.

" I ask audiences to keep the contents of the show a secret so as not to spoil it for others, and I have to do the same. But I hope it's fun and freaky and a great night out: that's what I aim for".

On stage as well as on TV Derren is in a class of his own. His Mind Control, Trick of the Mind, Trick or Treat and Events programmes have garnered rave reviews and awards. His specials have provoked much controversy and acclaim and further consolidated his reputation as a performer prepared to constantly challenge and break boundaries.

He has also received much praise for his best-selling books, Tricks of the Mind and Confessions of a Conjuror.

He has also enjoyed considerable success in America, when his show Derren Brown: Mind Control, was screened on NBC's Sci-Fi Channel. In January 2011 Channel 4 celebrated ten years of Derren Brown on TV with Behind The Mischief.

Tickets cost £30 plus booking fee. See www.alexandratheatre.org.uk for details

Radar tour a Big Deal

BRITISH and American music very rarely mix, but Big Deal may be the band to change this idea.

The duo, made up of American Kacey Underwood and Brit Alice Costelloe, are the latest band to be announced on this year's NME Radar Tour, which hits Birmingham Academy 2 on May 11.

The line up is completed by Grouplove and headliner Anna Calvi, all looking to follow in the footsteps of The Killers, Friendly Fires and Bloc Party as acts who found success after the tour.

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Choice

HATTIE
BBC2, 9.45pm

Hattie Jacques. The well-worn phrase "larger than life" springs to mind whenever she's mentioned – as well as the infamous Carry On series of films. In fact, many people will know her only for the roles she played in those movies, but as this drama – originally broadcast on BBC Four in January – proves, there was an awful lot more than that to the actress, who died just over 30 years ago. She usually played "mumsy" characters, yet in real life left her husband, future Dad's Army star John Le Mesurier, for a younger man. It's this period of her life that forms the basis of this drama. Ruth Jones is brilliantly cast in the title role alongside Robert Bathurst, Aiden Turner and Jeany Spark.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.30** Match of the Day Live. Coverage of a Championship match (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders (Kick-off 3.15pm). **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Don't Scare the Hare.

6.15 Doctor Who.
7.00 So You Think You Can Dance Live. Cat Deeley introduces the remaining contestants, who take to the stage once again in couples, hoping to avoid elimination by impressing the judges and winning viewers' votes. The results can be seen at 8.55pm.
8.05 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.
8.55 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.
9.25 Casualty. Jordan is forced to deal with the aftermath of Polly's death.
10.15 BBC News; Weather.
10.35 Match of the Day; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of the final regular weekend of the season; Weatherview.

1.30 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **11.00** Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix – Qualifying. Live coverage of the session at Istanbul Park (Start-time 12.00pm). **1.30** The Sky at Night. (R) **1.50** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **2.35** Film: Legend. (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. **4.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Leeds Rhinos v Crusaders. **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.00 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience. (1971) An over-eager trade union representative calls a strike at a toilet factory, but unrest is quelled by a trip to the seaside. Comedy, starring Sid James and Kenneth Williams.
7.30 Dad's Army. A secret weapon goes haywire and threatens Walmington-on-Sea. (R)
8.00 Versailles: The Dream of a King. Docu-drama recreating the life and loves of Louis XIV. (R)
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Alexander Armstrong hosts, with guests Ross Noble and Victoria Coren. (R)
9.45 Hattie. Drama, starring Ruth Jones.
11.10 This Is Your Life. A tribute to actress Hattie Jacques. (R)
11.40 Later with Jools Holland. With Adele, R Kelly and Young the Giant. (R)

12.45 Film: Swimming with Sharks. (1994) Black comedy, starring Kevin Spacey.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **12.10** This Morning: Saturday. **1.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Monk. **2.10** Totally You've Been Framed! (R) **3.10** Film: The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) James Bond thriller, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programmes. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New People Do the Funniest Things. Featuring a selection of viewer-submitted comical clips, including the world's weirdest homes and a man who can pull trains with his teeth.
7.00 Sing if You Can. Jedward, Faye Tozer and Sinitta take on Toyah Willcox, Ben Richards and Sian Reeves, with X Factor judge Louis Walsh among the panellists. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host.
8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.
9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff. The Britain's Got Talent judge talks about his career and personal life.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Magnum Force. (1973) Action thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Swingtown. (R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British GT Championship. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Koko Pop. **9.50** T4: Friends. (R) **10.25** T4: Glee. **11.20** T4: Great British Hairdresser. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.25** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.55** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. A woman hosts an Italian-themed night.
6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 River Cottage Autumn Collection. Highlights from the seasonal series. (R)
8.00 The Untold Battle of Trafalgar. The role of foreign sailors in the Royal Navy during the Battle of Trafalgar. (R)
9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.
10.20 Stand Up for the Week.
11.10 FILM: What Lies Beneath. (2000) Supernatural thriller, starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Harrison Ford.

1.35 Atlantic. (R) **1.40** No, No, No. (R) **1.45** Lucky Escape. (R) **1.50** Gone Fishing. (R) **2.05** Ugly Betty. (R) **2.50** Running in Heels. (R) **4.25** Hill Street Blues. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **10.10** How Do They Do It? (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Film: Ben-Hur. (1959) Oscar-winning epic, starring Charlton Heston. **3.50** Film: The Train Robbers. (1973) Western, starring John Wayne. **5.35** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

8.15 5 News Weekend.
8.20 NCIS. Gibbs tries to extract information from a convict on death row about where he hid his victims – but the killer proves reluctant to confess. (R)
9.15 CSI: Miami. Horatio and the team discover a woman's body in a secret tunnel leading to a bank vault – and the subsequent investigation leads them to a millionaire's wayward daughter. (R)
10.15 CSI: NY. An old man is fatally shot in a subway, but further investigation reveals the victim is in fact a woman wearing a disguise, and the team struggles to determine her true identity.
11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A link is found between two very different cases. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. Live interactive gaming. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.45 Film: Twister (1996) **7.00** Superhuman: Super Strong **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: The Matrix (1999)

ITV3
3.40 A Touch of Frost **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Foyle's War **11.05** Film: Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kolkata Knight Riders v Chennai Super Kings and Mumbai Indians v Delhi DareDevils. **7.30** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **9.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights **10.00** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors **11.00** Film: Casino (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who Confidential **7.45** Top Gear **8.45** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **9.45** Family Guy **10.50** Family Guy Presents: Seth and Alex's Almost Live Comedy Show **11.10** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle **8.00** If Walls Could Talk: The History of the Home **9.00** Spiral **10.50** The Lighthouse Stevensons **11.50** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Make It or Break It **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM4
3.00 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) **5.15** Star Trek III: The Search for Spock (1984) **7.15** The Simpsons Movie (2007) **9.00** Iron Man (2008) **11.20** Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

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BBC2, 9pm

Anybody with an income of £2billion a year should be laughing all the way to the bank. That's the kind of figures English Premier League clubs are reputedly pulling in every year thanks to TV, match-day and sponsorship revenue – so why are so many of them up to their stadium rooftops in debt? Lord Sugar aims to find out in what should be an eye-opening documentary. While investigating the financial problems facing football, he interviews bosses, owners, agents and players to ask what has gone wrong – and what can be done to solve the issues he raises.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Live. The fourth race of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.25** Escape to the Country. **4.25** Life of Riley. (R) **4.55** Points of View. **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker visits Cornwall's Penwith Peninsula, the westernmost point in mainland Britain, to meet a seascape artist, and Julia Bradbury cooks a dish using Japanese knotweed. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.
8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the experts visit Hutton-in-the-Forest, a country house in Cumbria, where items up for valuation include a painting that was once used for target practice.
9.00 Atlantis. Historical drama, starring Stephanie Leonidas and Reece Ritchie.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 The Gatwick Baby: Abandoned at Birth.
11.25 FILM: Irresistible. (2006) Thriller, starring Susan Sarandon; Weatherview.

1.05 Sign Zone: MasterChef. **2.05** Holby City. **3.05** Churches: How to Read Them. **3.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **12.30** Britain's Empty Homes. (R) **1.00** EastEnders. **2.55** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Halifax RLFC v Bradford Bulls (Kick-off 3.15pm). **5.30** Film: The Red Baron. (2008) First World War biopic, starring Matthias Schweighofer.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. New series. The design secrets of Dubai's Burj Al Arab hotel.
8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. New series. Paul Rose, Tooni Mahto and Frank Pope explore the waters surrounding Britain, beginning with marine life off the coasts of Cornwall, South Wales and Devon.
9.00 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. The businessman and former Tottenham Hotspur chairman investigates the financial problems affecting English football, and proposes his own solutions to help the game.
10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v Chelsea.
11.10 The Shadow Line. (R)

12.10 Film: Ae Fond Kiss. (2004) Romantic drama, starring Atta Yaqub and Eva Birthistle. **1.50** BBC News. **3.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing if You Can. (R) **11.30** This Morning: Sunday. **12.30** Dinner Date. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Columbo: Prescription Murder. (1968) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.40** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.40** Film: About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette.

6.30 Regional Programmes.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 The Cube. A penguin keeper and a 31-year-old man take up the challenge, aiming to complete tasks within the confines of the cube to win a jackpot of £250,000. Hosted by Phillip Schofield.
8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope sets out to solve the murder of a teenage girl 11 years earlier, exposing the secrets and lies of a close-knit community. Hugo Speer guest stars.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.
10.15 Perspectives: Robson Green and the Pitmen Painters. Actor explores how a group of 1930s miners became artists.
11.15 Surgery School. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. **1.00** The Zone; ITV News. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **2.55** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.30** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: The Crush. **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.50** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.25** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **2.55** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **3.30** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.00** Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team.

6.30 Channel 4 News.
6.55 4thought.tv.
7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts compete in east London.
8.00 The Hotel. A couple's third anniversary becomes a night to forget.
9.00 FILM: How to Lose Friends & Alienate People. (2008) Premiere. A self-promoting writer lands a job at a fashion magazine, but struggles to adapt to the world of celebrity. Comedy, starring Simon Pegg, Kirsten Dunst and Jeff Bridges.
11.10 FILM: Big Momma's House. (2000) Comedy, starring Martin Lawrence.

1.00 Japan Disaster Benefit. (R) **1.45** Film: Kontroll. (2003) **3.45** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.40** Great British Brands. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Mio Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.55** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** Funky Valley. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** OK! TV Sunday. **11.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) **12.00** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.00** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **2.00** The King's Speech: Revealed. (R) **3.00** Film: Short Circuit 2. (1988) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Fisher Stevens. **5.05** 5 News Weekend. **5.10** Film: Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger. (1977) Fantasy adventure, starring Patrick Wayne.

7.25 FILM: X2. (2003) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Hugh Jackman.
10.00 The Walking Dead.
11.05 FILM: The Dentist. (1996) Horror, starring Corbin Bernsen.

12.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **4.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **4.10** UEFA Europa League Highlights. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.00 Film: Twister (1996) **5.15** Britain's Got Talent **6.15** The Only Way Is Essex **8.00** Kerry Katona: The Next Chapter **9.00** Peter Andre: The Next Chapter **10.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: David Hasselhoff **11.00** Film: The Bucket List (2008)

ITV3
3.10 Film: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) **6.40** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.50** The Best of Mr Bean **9.00** Film: Gorillas in the Mist (1988) **11.40** Film: Dolores Claiborne (1995)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Pune Warriors. **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: National Lampoon's Animal House (1978) **11.15** Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors

BBC THREE
7.00 Formula 1: The Turkish Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Doctor Who **8.45** Doctor Who Confidential **9.00** Little Britain **9.30** Family Guy: Groundbreaking Gags **10.00** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** The Secret Life of Waves **10.00** Film: Jar City (2006) **11.30** Classic Albums

E4
3.50 Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (2003) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **7.55** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** Film: Alien Resurrection (1997)

FILM4
3.10 The Cat Returns (2002) **4.45** Breakfast at Tiffany's (1961) **6.55** Three Men and a Baby (1987) **8.55** Attack the Block Special **9.00** Along Came a Spider (2001) **11.00** The Descent (2005)

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Monday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 Saints and Scroungers. (R) 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Track My Trash: Panorama. 9.00 Wootton Bassett: The Town That Remembers. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 A Question of Sport. 11.05 Late Kick Off. 11.35 The Graham Norton Show; (R) Weatherview. 12.25 Sign Zone: MasterChef. (R) 1.25 Sir Bobby Charlton: Football Icon. (R) 2.25 A Home for Maisie. (R) 3.25 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Atlantis: The Evidence – A Timewatch Special. (R) 8.00 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. 9.00 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) 12.10 BBC News. 4.00 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Dales. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Strangeways. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Shawshank Redemption. (1994) Prison drama, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. 1.10 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.15 UEFA Champions League Weekly. 3.40 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 9.00 Wife Swap USA. (R) 9.55 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 Film: First Men in the Moon. (1964) Sci-fi adventure, with Lionel Jeffries and Edward Judd. 2.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 A Year Inside Number 10. 9.00 Gordon's Great Escape. 10.00 Film: 28 Weeks Later. (2007) Horror sequel, starring Robert Carlyle. 12.00 The Event. 12.55 Poker. 1.50 The Last Days of the Raj. (R) 3.20 Churchill's Darkest Decision. (R) 4.15 Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World. (R) 5.10 Codex. (R) 5.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green. (R) 12.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Rough Guide To. (R) 3.20 Film: A Stranger's Heart. (2007) Drama, starring Samantha Mathis. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7; Weather. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; 5 News Update. 8.00 The Gadget Show; 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Hotel Inspector. 10.00 There's Something About Josie. 11.00 Film: Heartbreakers. (2001) Comedy, starring Sigourney Weaver. 1.15 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Missing 2011. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. 11.45 Cash in the Attic; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News Programmes; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 The Apprentice. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather.; National Lottery Update. 10.35 See You in Court. 11.25 The Lock Up. (R) 11.55 Film: Night Watch. (1995) Crime thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan; Weatherview. 1.35 Sign Zone: Madagascar. (R) 2.35 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 3.35 Churches: How to Read Them. (R) 4.05 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.35 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Britain's Secret Seas. (R) 8.00 Britain's Next Big Thing. 9.00 The Country House Revealed. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Lord Sugar Tackles Football. (R) 12.20 BBC News. 4.35 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Military Driving School. 8.00 Countrywise. 9.00 Home Is Where the Heart Is. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Mars Attacks! (1996) Sci-fi comedy, starring Jack Nicholson. 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.30 Crossing Jordan. 3.15 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 11.00 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.40 Film: Journey to the Centre of the Earth. (1959) Sci-fi adventure, starring Pat Boone. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Supersize vs Superskinny. 9.00 The Secret Millionaire. 10.00 Campus. 11.05 Misfits. 12.10 UK & Ireland Poker Tour. 1.10 Freesports on 4. (R) 1.40 The Grid. (R) 2.05 British GT Championship. (R) 2.30 FIM Superbike World Championship. 3.00 KOTV Boxing Weekly. 3.25 FIVB Beach Volleyball. (R) 4.20 Catching the Impossible. (R) 5.10 Full Metal Challenge. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Two Greedy Italians. 9.00 Wonderland: The Trouble with Love and Sex. 9.50 Coast. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. 11.50 Film: French Film. (2008) 1.15 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Poms in Paradise. 8.00 The National Movie Awards. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Cops with Cameras. (R) 11.35 Long Lost Family. (R) 12.30 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.35 Film: Alien Siege. (2005) Sci-fi thriller, starring Brad Johnson. 4.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 8.55 Wife Swap USA. (R) 9.50 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 The TV Book Club. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Vacation, Vacation, Vacation. 8.30 Superscrimpers: Waste Not Want Not. 9.00 24 Hours in A&E. 10.00 Desperate Housewives. 11.05 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 11.30 Music on 4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. 12.05 Music on 4: Abbey Road Debuts. 12.20 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Introduces – Yasmin. 12.35 Music on 4: 4Play: Aloe Blacc. 12.55 Music on 4: The Album Chart Show Spotlight. 1.10 Music on 4: The Crush. 2.00 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) 2.55 Film: Blanche Fury. (1948) 4.35 Hill Street Blues. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Real Rescues. (R) 3.00 Flog It! (R) 3.30 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Coast. (R) 8.00 The Animal's Guide to Britain. 9.00 The Shadow Line. 10.00 Psychoville 2. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. (R) 12.20 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. (R) 1.20 BBC News. 3.40 Close.

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Channel 4 6.10 The Treacle People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Freshly Squeezed. 7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.35 Friends. (R) 9.05 Wife Swap USA. (R) 10.00 Relocation, Relocation. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Make Do & Mend. 12.35 The TV Book Club. (R) 1.05 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from York and Salisbury. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thought.tv. 8.00 Three in a Bed. 9.00 A Very Dangerous Doctor. 10.40 The Secret Millionaire. (R) 11.45 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.15 Music on 4: The JD Set: Manchester. 12.30 Music on 4: Album Chart Show Introduces – Jamie Woon. 12.45 Music on 4: 4Play: Oh Land. 1.00 The Model Agency. (R) 1.55 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) 2.50 A Year Inside Number 10. (R) 3.45 Hill Street Blues. (R) 4.35 Great British Brands. (R) 4.50 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

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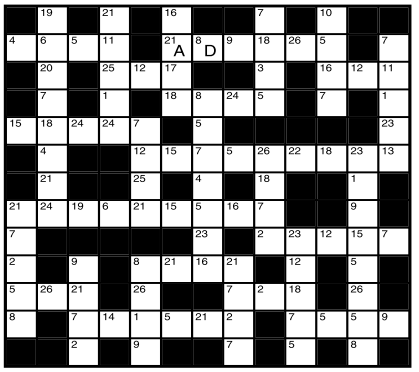

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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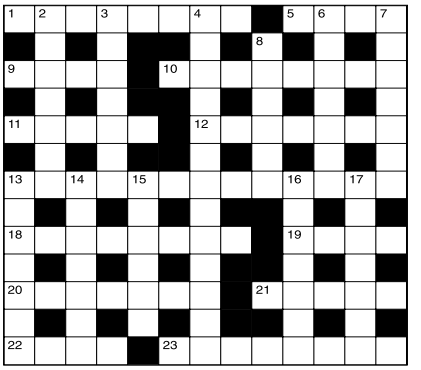

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Stay well away from work! (8)
5. A letter is itself sent back from the continent (4)
9. Issue a period return (4)
10. Fit as a lithe cat might be (8)
11. Entangle wool and express displeasure (5)
12. Bitterly continues a row with the French (7)
13. Paper clip, perhaps, to keep things secure (5,8)
18. It's quite fair to sing about wine (8)
19. Birds can do it with their eyes shut (4)
20. He's particular about his fare (7)
21. A cleansing operation partly under water (5)
22. Ties for position (4)
23. Supporters of horse-riders (8)

Down

2. She gives patient advice on social problems (7)
3. Restricts in rents perhaps (7)
4. Go into a tent containing main ingredients for amusement (13)
6. Prepared scheme - for winning a game of tennis? (3,4)
7. He charges a couple of hundred to the employer (7)
8. It plays a starring role but doesn't shine (6)
13. Have the company of constables on a ship (7)
14. I will be bound to feature a lot in his conversation (7)
15. Leave to expound? (3,3)
16. Authorise a backward Middle East nation (7)
17. Balances used in eleven supermarkets (5,2)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. As a fact (8)
5. Heroic poem (4)
9. Indigent (4)
10. Quarrel (8)
11. Sudden thrust (5)
12. Anointing (7)
13. Emotionally (13)
18. Theatrical (8)
19. Pipe (4)
20. Building (7)
21. Trap (5)
22. Wise man (4)
23. Gather (8)

Down

2. End (7)
3. Vertical (7)
4. Absence of haste (13)
6. Biased (7)
7. Smoothly (7)
8. Surgical instrument (6)
13. Melancholy (7)
14. Approaching (7)
15. A sloping type (6)
16. Word meaning complete opposite (7)
17. Bounteous (7)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Repose; 4 Passed; 9 Paying tribute; 10 Ash-tray; 11 Badge; 12 March; 14 Means; 18 Leave; 19 Thimble; 21 Trysting-place; 22 Detest; 23 Blades. Down: 1 Replay; 2 Psychoanalyst; 3 Senor; 5 Amiable; 6 Sounding-board; 7 Diesel; 8 Stays; 13 Creates; 15 Slated; 16 Atone; 17 Defers; 20 Impel. QUICK - Across: 1 Bridle; 4 Fencer; 9 Unconditional; 10 Honesty; 11 Treat; 12 Vital; 14 Weepy; 18 Alert; 19 Radiate; 21 Transposition; 2 Eyelet; 23 Reveal. Down: 1 Bought; 2 Inconsiderate; 3 Links; 5 Epistle; 6 Contemplative; 7 Relate; 8 Sibyl; 13 Artiste; 15 Cattle; 16 Droop; 17 Vernal; 20 Drive.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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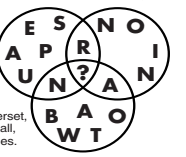
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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The letter represented by the question mark is R. Somerset, Cheshire, Cornwall, all English counties.

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A three-bed family home in Bearwood

AN immaculately maintained family home in Bearwood has come onto the market for offers over £200,000.

Number 104 Park Road has three bedrooms, double glazing, central heating and a side garage, and is being sold through Connells.

Entry is via steps leading up to a covered arched porchway and front door, which opens into a hallway with terrazzo flooring, ceiling coving and a useful understairs storage cupboard.

The 26ft 6in x 11ft 10in through lounge features an original stained glass bay window at the front, an original cast iron fireplace with wooden surround and gas fire, stripped floorboards and double-glazed French doors leading to the rear garden.

In the re-fitted dining kitchen, there's a range of wall and base units, granite worksurfaces, one-and-a-half bowl sink with drainer, electric oven, five-burner gas hob, extractor, integrated dishwasher, built-in washing machine and fridge freezer and a tiled floor.

Garage

Upstairs, there are three bedrooms, all with stripped floorboards, and a re-fitted bathroom, which has a freestanding bath, shower cubicle, wash basin, WC, heated towel rail, extractor fan and tiled floor.

Outside, the property sits elevated behind a stone retaining wall and small lawned foregarden with a garage at the side with double doors.

The enclosed rear garden is mainly lawned with a paved patio, variety of bushes and shrubs, brick-built outhouses and tap.

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WEST BROMWICH ROEBUCK LANE — COMMERCIAL
Commecial property, with shop and warehouse unit at rear, parking space at front. negotiable lease terms available.
£180 pw

WEDNESBURY LOWER HIGH STREET — COMMERCIAL
Secure retail shop unit in a busy side of wednesbury, former DIY store can be used as A1 retail. Roller shutters, w.c
£85 per week

WEST BROMWICH OAK ROAD — COMMERCIAL
Commercial Shop/office, good size retail premises, Separate w.c. Front shop window with shutter. very secure and ideal position 5 min walk from High street.
£85 pw

DUDLEY QUEENS CROSS — SALE
Commercial sale of 2 shops. Fish & chip shop and off licence with 4 bedroom flat above. shops on a 7 year lease. Available freehold.
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SMETHWICK BARTLEET ROAD
2 bedroom modern property, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen and bathroom, central heated and double glazed, off road parking. available part furnished.
£500

WEDNESBURY GLOUCESTER ROAD — LET
3 bedroom semi-detached property, through lounge, ch & dg, off road parking
£550

TIVIDALE LESLIE RISE
3 bedroom semi dtached property, spacious lounge, ch & dg. First floor bathroom. off road parking. garden. unfurnished
£500

TIPTON SPRING MEADOW — APPLICATION IN
Lovely 1 bedroom flat, open plan kitchen, storage heaters, double glazed window. allocated parking
£400

WEST BROMWICH OAK LANE
2 bedroom mid-terrace property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, ground floor bathroom, available unfurnished.
£450

WEST BROMWICH HAYWOODS FARM — APPLICATION IN
2 bedroom modern semi-detached property, ch and dg, spacious lounge first floor bathroom. unfurnished. Off road parking
£500

WEST BROMWICH HIGH STREET
Rooms to let, sharing Kitchen and bathroom all bills included. unfurnished.
£60 per week

TIPTON DOVECOTE CLOSE — APPLICATION IN
Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached property, spacious lounge, upstairs bathroom. ch & Dg, private drive and garage. unfurnished.
£570

WEST BROMWICH HARGATE LANE
3 bedroom mid-terrace property, 2 reception rooms, ch & dg. ground floor bathroom. available furnished. near sandwell hospital
£530

TIPTON SEDGELEY ROAD WEST — NEW
3 bedroom semi detached property, ch and dg, 2 reception rooms, off road parking. unfurnished. first floor bathroom
£550

WEST BROMWICH ANDREW RD — APPLICATION IN
3 bedroom semi-detached property in the charlemont area, ch and dg, through lounge. upstairs bathroom. private drive and garage. unfurnished
£550

WEST BROMWICH HALL GREEN ROAD — APPLICATION IN
A very spacious ground floor 3 bedroom maisonnette, large reception room, ch and dg unfurnished and off road parking. must be viewed to be appreciated.
£500

WEST BROMWICH LAW STREET — NEW
Spacious 2 bedroom property, 2 reception rooms, ch and dg, first floor bathroom. available with kitchen appliances.
£480

WEST BROMWICH MASON STREET
mid terrace 3 bedroom property, 2 reception rooms, ch and double glazed. available unfurnished. carters green area
£500

WALSALL WOOD PARKSIDE RD — NEW
3 bedroom semi-detached property, 2 reception room, newly refurbished. Kitchen with fitted appliances. ch and dg. unfurnished
£595

WEST BROMWICH BROMFORD LANE — NEW
A very spacious 3 bedroom property, 2 large reception rooms, ch and double glazed, downstairs bathroom. off road parking.
£550

DUDLEY LAUREL ROAD — NEW
3 bedroom property, reception room, ground floor bathroom and first floor w.c, off road parking. unfurnished
£530

WEST BROMWICH TRINITY SREET
Lovely 2 bedroom property, lounge, dining space, ch & dg, first floor bathroom. Available fully furnished
£525

WEST BROMWICH GLADSTONE STREET
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- Three Bedrooms
- Garage
- Freehold

£126,950

BANK STREET, B71 1HF — REDUCED
- A Modern Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Off Road Parking

£133,500

SHELDON ROAD, B71 3JB — REDUCED
- A Semi Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain

£119,950

ALDER CRESCENT, WS5 4LQ
- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory/Sun Room
- C/H & D/G

£114,995

WARNER ROAD, WS10 0ET
- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Garage

£129,500

CRANKHALL LANE, WS10 0EQ
- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Conservatory, Freehold

£115,000

EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE, B71 2AZ
- A Modern Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage

£154,950

CHARLEMONT CRESCENT, B71 3DA
- An Extended Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H and D/G
- Conservatory

£199,995

LITTLE LANE, B71 4HP
- An End Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Converted Loft

£117,950

CHARLEMONT CRESCENT, B71 3DA
- A Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Garages
- Freehold

£230,000

MARSH LANE, B72 3DP
- A Semi Dettached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- C/H & Part D/G
- No Upward Chain

£99,950

WALSALL ROAD, B71 3JD
- A Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Freehold

£99,950

BUSTLEHOLME AVENUE, B71 3BA
- PRIMROSE COTTAGE is a Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Dining Room or Third Bedroom
- Double Garage & Parking Space

£215,000

WYNDMILL CRESCENT, B71 3QY — TO LET
- A First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedroom
- No Pets, No Smokers
- Credit/Reference Required

£480 PCM £480 DEPOSIT

PIERCY STREET, B70 9PH
- An End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- C/H & D/G
- Freehold

£124,950

ANDREW ROAD, B71 3QG
- A Detached Property
- Three Bedroom, Side Garage
- D/G and Alamed
- C/H where specified and Freehold

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- Potential to Extend

Offers in the region of £209,950

Lightwoods Road, Bearwood

- Attractive Mid Terrace Property
- Stunning Kitchen
- Well Appointed Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- No UpwardChain

Offers in the region of £139,950

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

Reginald Road, Bearwood

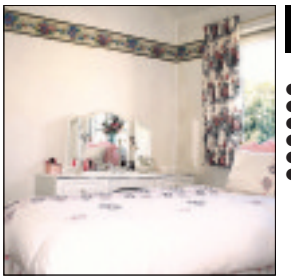
- A Larger Style, Traditional Villa
- Generously Sized Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Potential for an En Suite
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £129,950

Shire Close, Oldbury

- Extended Four Bed Semi
- Quiet Cul De Sac Location
- Deceptively Spacious
- Stylish Open Plan Dining Kitchen
- Stunning Family Bathroom
- Ample Parking

Offers in the region of £224,950



Valley Road, Smethwick

- Beautiful Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Potential for 3 Receptions
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Well Maintained Rear Garden
- Off Road parking

Offers in the region of £154,950

Weston Road, Bearwood

- An Attractive End Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Well Appointed Bathroom
- Generous Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

Offers in the region of £144,950

Reginald Road, Bearwood

- Well Presented Terrace
- Double Fronted Aspect
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Delightful Kitchen

Offers in the region of £116,950

Lightwoods Hill, Bearwood

- A Spacious Semi-Detached
- Retaining Original Features
- Well Presented, Five Beds
- Views Across Lightwoods Park

Offers In the Region of £345,000

Titford Road, Oldbury

- An Impeccable Appartment
- Two Bedrooms
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Offers in the region of £89,850

Norman Road, Smethwick

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- En-suite to Master

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CHARTER ROAD

★ Modern four bedroom detached on corner plot
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★ Kitchen and utility
★ Downstairs WC, and en suite to master bedroom
★ uPVC double glazed windows and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Rear and side gardens

£209,995

NEW

WEDNESBURY
LEA AVENUE

★ Two bedroom detached bungalow
★ Entrance porch
★ Lounge and fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage, driveway and off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens

£145,000

NEW

TIVIDALE
LARCH CROFT

★ Modern extended four bedroom detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens

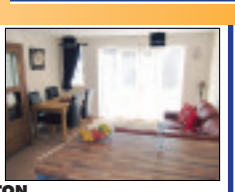
£189,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
HEATH LANE

★ Three bedroom detached house
★ Lounge and conservatory
★ Fitted kitchen with utility room
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Rear garden

£157,500

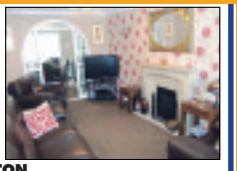


NEW

TIPTON
BLOOMFIELD ROAD

★ Modern three storey three bedroom mid town house
★ Study, kitchen diner and lounge
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ En suite to master bedroom
★ Rear garden
★ Garage to rear

£139,995



NEW

TIPTON
HENN DRIVE

★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Fitted kitchen and conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Rear garden

£117,500

NEW

TIPTON
OXFORD WAY

★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge and breakfast kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens

£114,995

NEW

TIPTON
TIVIDALE STREET

★ Two bedroom end terraced
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking to the rear
★ Front and rear gardens

£99,950

NEW

TIPTON
DENBIGH ROAD

★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, dining room and kitchen
★ Partially double glazed
★ Gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens

£99,995

NEW

TIPTON
BAKER STREET

★ Three bedroom mid terrace
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Driveway
★ Rear garden

£89,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
MALVERN CLOSE

★ Three bedroom detached dormer bungalow
★ Through lounge and breakfast kitchen
★ Guest cloaks/WC and family bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Driveway, garage and car port
★ Rear garden

£225,000

NEW

TIPTON
LISSIMORE DRIVE

★ Modern four bedroom detached
★ Lounge, dining room, conservatory and kitchen diner
★ Upstairs family bathroom and en suite to master bedroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Garage and off road parking
★ Landscaped rear garden

£225,000

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
STANLEY ROAD

★ Three bedroom traditional semi detached
★ Lounge and dining room
★ Conservatory with WC
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking and garage to rear
★ Front and rear gardens

£154,950

NEW

TIPTON
NAPIER DRIVE

★ Three bedroom detached
★ Lounge
★ Dining kitchen and conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and block paved driveway
★ Rear garden

£144,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
ALL SAINTS WAY

★ Three bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
★ Upstairs family bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Detached garage
★ Garden

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KERR DRIVE

★ Link detached chalet-style with two/three bedrooms
★ Bedroom three/study, lounge/dining room
★ Conservatory, fitted kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage, driveway and rear garden

£139,995

NEW

TIPTON
CLARKES GROVE

★ Two/three bedroom semi detached bungalow
★ Extended and improved
★ Refitted kitchen/diner and refitted bathroom
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking and garage
★ Rear garden

£137,500

NEW

TIPTON
FERGUSON DRIVE

★ Three bedroom end terrace
★ Lounge and fitted kitchen
★ Downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Front and rear gardens
★ Alarm

£119,995

NEW

COSELEY
EARL STREET

★ Modern three bedroom two and a half storey semi detached
★ Fitted kitchen, lounge
★ Bathroom, downstairs WC
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden

£114,995

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
RAILWAY STREET

★ Two bedroom modern mid terrace
★ Lounge and conservatory
★ Central heating and double glazing (where specified)
★ Off road parking
★ Rear garden

£102,500

NEW

TIPTON
CHATWINS WHARF

★ Two bedroom bungalow for over 55 residents only
★ Lounge and kitchen
★ Bathroom
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Communal parking
★ Small rear garden

£84,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
IRVING ROAD

★ Three bedroom mid town house in quiet cul-de-sac location
★ Lounge
★ Conservatory
★ Breakfast kitchen
★ Double glazing (where specified)
★ Drive and garage to rear
★ Rear garden

£114,995

REDUCED

TIPTON
EDWARD FISHER DRIVE

★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge, dining kitchen, conservatory
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Front and rear gardens
★ Off road parking
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£105,000

REDUCED

TIPTON
OLD PORT CLOSE

★ Two bedroom semi detached
★ Lounge/dining room
★ Fitted kitchen
★ Double glazing and gas fired central heating (where specified)
★ Garage and driveway
★ Front and rear gardens

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Wednesbury Allen Road

A large 4 bedroom detached family home with two reception rooms, two bathrooms, study, utility, superb refitted kitchen, conservatory, garden and off road parking

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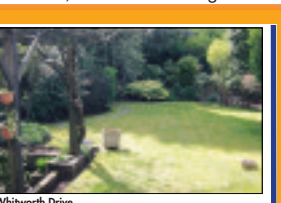
NEW



West Bromwich Whitworth Drive

QUICK POSSESSION AVAILABLE.Four Bedroom Detached home in a popular cul de sac location. Having the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing, Master bedroom having en-suite shower room, two receptions, Garage, parking and a lovely large private landscaped rear Garden.

£219,950

REDUCED

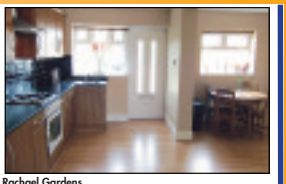
WEDNESBURY

36 ELWELL STREET

Recently built detached property, three bedrooms, master with en-suite, two reception rooms, kitchen with fitted appliances, guest w/c and family bathroom, foregarden and single garage, beautiful low maintenance rear garden

£159,950

NEW



Wednesbury Rachael Gardens

Three bedroom modernised semi detached house in a sought after area providing an excellent family home. The property also falls within the catchment area for Wood Green High School. L shaped living room, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden and off road parking for several cars.

£142,500

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY

St Lukes Road

an immaculately presented, double glazed and centrally heated three bedroom semi detached property at the head of a quiet cul de sac.

£139,950

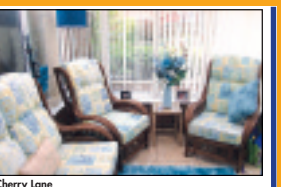
NEW

West Bromwich Sandfield Road

Exceptional three bedroom semi detached home situated in a popular location offering good size accommodation. An internal viewing is strongly recommended.

£139,950

NEW



Wednedbury Cherry Lane

Much improved two bedroom semi detached property in a cul de sac location on the popular Golf Links Estate. Internal viewing highly recommended.

£134,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY

Lime Road

A spacious three bedroom semi detached house in good order throughout with double glazing, central heating, large lounge and rear garden with substantial outbuildings and ample off road parking.

£125,000

NEW

Wednesbury Scott Avenue

A traditional three bedroom bay fronted semi in a select cul de sac in the Hydes Road area of Wednesbury.

£124,995

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY

THE FURLONG

Modern-style end terraced house, three bedrooms, ideal for first time buyers, family bathroom and downstairs w/c, conservatory, front and rear gardens, two allocated parking spaces

£119,995 Offers Over

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY

Wellcroft Street

Immaculate throughout. A two bedroom traditional semi with central heating, double glazing, conservatory and off road parking - A great all round property purchase

£117,950

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY

DARBY ROAD

- ★ Semi detached house
- ★ Ideal first time purchase
- ★ Two bedrooms
- ★ Recently fitted kitchen
- ★ Re-fitted first floor bathroom
- ★ Private enclosed rear garden
- ★ Off road parking to the fore
- ★ Viewings via Wednesbury office

£115,000

REDUCED

Wednesbury

Handley Street

This much improved and well proportioned three bedroom home, having re-fitted kitchen and bathroom. Double glazed gas central heating, long rear garden, garage plus off road parking.

£109,950

NEW

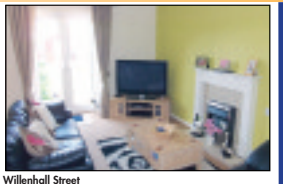
West Bromwich

Griffiths Road

Three bedroom semi detached property in a popular road between Wednesbury & Stone Cross. Double glazed and centrally heated and with scope for further improvement

£92,500

NEW



Darlaston Willenhall Street

Modern three bedroom semi detached home with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating.The property is situated close to local amenities and is ideal for the first time buyer.

£99,950

NEW

Wednesbury Lower High Street

A spacious first floor maisonette having three bedrooms, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens & no upward chain. Considered ideal as a first time purchase or investment.

£79,950

REDUCED

Darlaston

Hall Street East

A traditional-style end terrace property with three bedrooms, family bathroom and down stairs cloaks, garden to front and rear, combi central heating system, recently installed electrics and no upward chain.

£75,000

REDUCED

DARLASTON

WAVERLEY ROAD

Situated in a popular road, close to the amenities of Darlaston town centre, this spacious traditional-style mid terrace property has central heating and double glazing and offers potential for further improvement..

£74,950

REDUCED

Darlaston

Marston Avenue

An extended traditional-style two bedroom semi detached property available with no upward chain. Quietly situated in a cul de sac close to Darlaston Town Centre, the property benefits from double glazing, central heating and is competitively priced to appeal to first time buyers or for investment

£74,950

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NEW

PRINCESS ROAD
Offers in the region of £86,950
A mid town house property requiring full modernisation and refurbishment.Hall entrance, lounge feature fireplace, dining kitchen having intergrated oven and hob, stores leading off. Stairs leading from hall to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom, double glazing where specified, off road parking in front garden, rear garden

OLDBURY

BLOXCIDGE STREET
Offers in the region of £189,950
A Victorian well maintained semi-detached property in sought after location. Vestibule entrance into reception hall with cellar off, two reception rooms with dividing archway, dining kitchen, lobby & W.C. Staircase from hall to first floor, four bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, central heating, double glazing where specified, front and rear gardens.

WEST BROMWICH

ST.CHRISTOPHER CLOSE
Offers in the region of £187,950
An extended link detached house. Hall entrance, lounge archway to dining area, kitchen, bedroom 4/office and utility area. Staircase from hall to first floor landing with stores off, three bedrooms, bathroom having jacuzzi style bath and shower over, central heating and double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

VICARAGE ROAD
Offers in the region of £169,950
A fully refurbished and modernised traditional detached property situated in a convenient location, storm porch entrance into reception hall, two reception rooms with feature fireplaces, kitchen, garage with utility and w.c. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathrooms shower over bath, central heating, double glazing where specified, off road parking, front and rear gardens

SMETHWICK

MARSHALL STREET
Offers in the region of £150,000
A deceptively spacious end terraced property providing unique accommodation and providing off road parking. Porch to vestibule, reception hall, two reception rooms, breakfast room, kitchen, W.C. and laundry room. Staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing where specified, carport, sun room, workshop rear garden

WEST BROMWICH

ANDREW ROAD
Offers in the region of £129,950
A detached family home situated on a corner plot offering well planned accommodation comprising hall entrance stores off, through lounge incorporating dinning area, kitchen integral oven and hob, staircase to three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, off road parking, garage gardens to front side and rear.

OLDBURY

JARVIS CRESCENT
Offers in the region of £125,000
An improved and extended semi detached property location having large themed landscaped and well maintained garden to the rear, storm porch entrance, hall, lounge, dining room, inner hallway having bathroom, seperate w.c, stores and conservatory leading off, kitchen. Staircase to three bedrooms, central heating and double glazing, off road parking and rear garden

OLDBURY

BRISTNALL HALL ROAD
Offers In the Region of £119,950
A traditional semi detached property having rear vehicular access and well planned accommodation, storm porch entrance into reception hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, cupboard and passageway to side. Staircase from to first floor landing off which lead three bedrooms, bathroom with shower over bath, double glazing, central heating, front and rear gardens

OLDBURY

TITFORD ROAD
Offers in the region of £119,950
An exceptionally well maintained, and improved Edwardian semi detached property, situated in a convenient location, hardwood door to front room, inner hallway dining room, galley kitchen, conservatory, lobby, shower room. Staircase from dining room to two bedrooms, bathroom, central heating and double glazing, front and landscaped rear garden

TIVIDALE

HAWFIELD ROAD
Offers in the region of £110,000
A deceptively spacious semi-detached family home situated in a convenient location hall lounge with feature fireplace, kitchen, dining room, stairs three bedrooms, shower room, double glazed, central heating, garden to front and rear garden with two brick built stores.

OLDBURY

ETHEL STREET
Offers in the region of £107,950
A fully refurbished and modernised well presented mid terraced property situated in a highly sought after and convenient location offering ideal first purchase uPVC entrance door, front room, inner hallway, rear sitting room with feature fireplace, galley style kitchen, lobby, bathroom with shower over bath. Staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms, double glazing, gas central heating, rear garden

OLDBURY

BIRCHFIELD LANE
Offers in the region of £99,950
A well presented and improved semi detached property storm porch opening into reception hall, W.C. off, lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen, staircase from reception hall to first floor landing off which leads three bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, central heating and double glazing front and rear gardens.

TIPTON

HOLCROFT STREET
Offers in the region of £95,000
A flush fronted fully modernised and improved mid terraced property ideal for first time purchase. Front room, inner hallway, lounge with feature fireplace, galley style kitchen, bathroom. Staircase extending from rear sitting room to first floor landing off which lead , two bedrooms, central heating, double glazing where specified, rear garden

OLDBURY

WALTON ROAD
Offers in the region of £94,950
An opportunity to acquire a semi detached property offering good size accommodation. Reception hall, lounge with feature fireplace, dining kitchen. Staircase extending from reception hall to first floor landing off which lead, three bedrooms bathroom with seperate shower, double glazing where specified, off road parking and rear garden

ROWLEY REGIS
REDUCED

CAKEMORE ROAD
Offers in the region of £94,950
A well presented and maintained end terraced property having off road parking and garden to the rear. Shallow foregarden, front room having feature fireplace, rear sitting room, kitchen, utility and w.c. off. Winding staircase to first floor landing, two bedrooms, bathroom shower over bath, double glazing, gas fired central heating, yard garden and parking situated to the rear.

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BARNFORD CRESCENT, OLDBURY

Situated in a popular and desirable residential locality, this well presented traditional semi-detached residence which has been extended to rear offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front living room, rear extended dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, side garage with utility and toilet, rear garden overlooking allotments, freehold.

Offers based on: £169,950

Veiwing: Oldbury Office

BRANDHALL ROAD, OLDBURY

Situated in a desirable residential locality just off the Wolverhampton Road this traditional semi-detached residence offers good family accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and central heating. Internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, front lounge, rear sitting room, kitchen, three good sized bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet, side utility, good sized bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet, side utility with toilet, garage, good gardens, freehold.

Offers based on: £199,500

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

DUDLEY ROAD WEST, TIVIDALE

This well presented semi detached residence offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing (where specified) and gas fired central heating in a convenient locality and briefly comprises, storm porch, reception hall, front lounge, rear dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet, side stores and toilet, well maintained garden, freehold. No Upward Chain.

Offers based on £105,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

REDUCED

THRONE ROAD, ROWLEY REGIS

This deceptively spacious traditional style detached residence offers good family accommodation with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing. The property requires upgrading, but internal inspection is highly recommended and briefly comprises reception hall, two reception rooms, extended breakfast kitchen, rear lobby with toilet and storage off, three large bedrooms, bathroom, side garage, large gardens, off street parking to front, freehold.

Offers based on: £174,950

Viewing: Oldbury Office

NEW

WINCHESTER CLOSE, ROWLEY REGIS

Situated on a popular residential development close to Whiteheath Gate this well presented first floor flat offers good accommodation to suit a first time buyer. The property briefly comprises vestibule, reception hall, front lounge,fitted kitchen, bathroom with modern suite, two bedrooms (one with built in wardrobes), allocated parking.

Offers based on £56,950

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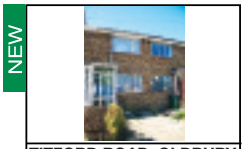
NEW



TITFORD ROAD, OLDBURY

Requiring improvement this modern mid town house offers good accommodation with the benefit of double glazing and gas fired central heating, includes reception hall, kitchen, lounge, verandah, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage, freehold.

Auction Guide Price £70,000 to £75,000

Viewing: Via Oldbury Office

POTTERY ROAD

Delightfully situated in this much sought after neighbourhood, a traditional style freehold semi-detached residence having been expensively improved to an exacting specification, to include new double glazing, central heating, electrics and water supply pipes, now offering immaculate accommodation to include three bedrooms, attractive shower room, hall, dining room, extended lounge, superb fully refitted kitchen/breakfast room laundry/utility room, laid out south facing garden with large patio, two car off street parking and having the benefit of comprehensive day to day amenities close at hand to include easy access to Birmingham city centre, with internal inspection absolutely essential.

Offers based on £194,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

REDUCED

BARCLAY ROAD, BEARWOOD

Delightfully situated directly facing Warley Woods in this sought after residential thoroughfare, a substantial freehold traditional style terraced residence offering gas centrally heated and double glazed family accommodation with a host of original features and to include through hall, two living rooms, spacious fitted dining/kitchen, laundry/utility room, four good size bedrooms, refitted bathroom with shower, separate WC, ornamental gardens and having the benefit of an excellent range of day-to-day amenities virtually on this doorstep, to include shopping facilities in Bearwood, Warley Woods and its golf course and easy access to Birmingham city centre just three miles or so distant.

Offers based on £264,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

MARROWAY STREET, LADYWOOD

Occupying an exceptionally convenient location just off Icknield Port Road with easy access to Birmingham city centre, a traditional freehold semi-detached property offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation which has been much improved to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom with individual shower compartment, hall, spacious lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, garden to the rear with substantial brick store and off-street parking, having comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand and with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £132,500

Viewing: Via Bearwood Office

17 HIGGINS WALK, BEARWOOD

An end town property located in this popular neighbourhood close to the main Smethwick High Street, offering well heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, shower room, hall, downstairs cloakroom, two reception rooms, kitchen and conservatory, having the benefit of comprehensive day-to-day amenities close at hand, providing easy access to Birmingham city centre and ideally situated for first time buyers.

Offers based on £84,950

Viewing via Bearwood Office

LIGHTWOODS HILL

Delightfully situated directly overlooking Lightwoods Park just a few hundred yards from both the main Hagley Road West and Bearwood shopping centre, a deceptively spacious traditional style freehold residence offering centrally heated and double glazed accommodation most carefully maintained and well presented to include three bedrooms, upstairs washroom/WC, 28ft through lounge/dining room, good size fitted kitchen, fully tiled bathroom and neat gardens and vehicular rear access, having an exceptional range of day-to-day amenities virtually on the doorstep, enjoying easy access to Birmingham City Centre and requiring an inspection to be fully appreciated.

Offers based on: £184,995

Viewing via Bearwood Office

HALL ROAD

A superbly presented freehold semi-detached property located in this established neighbourhood and being convenient for comprehensive day-to-day amenities, offering gas centrally heated and PVC double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, fully tiled bathroom with electric shower, hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, lean-to, downstairs WC, impressive garden to the rear and having the benefit of off-street parking to the front, with internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £154,950

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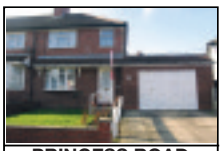

PRINCESS ROAD

Situated in a popular and extremely convenient residential locality, a traditional style semi-detached town house offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, part tiled shower room, hall, lounge, dining/kitchen, downstairs wc, gardens and off-street parking, with the considerable advantage of a double garage to the side and having a good range of day-to-day amenities close at hand, ideal for first time purchasers although it does need some further upgrading.

Offers based on: £127,950

Viewing: Bearwood Office

HARBORNE ROAD, BEARWOOD

An attractively presented, much improved and well fitted traditional style freehold semi-detached residence having a particularly impressive ground floor, located in an established and exceptionally popular residential neighbourhood close to Warley Woods and first class facilities, and offering gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation to include three bedrooms, spacious refitted bathroom, 28ft through lounge, separate 18ft dining room, spacious 24ft fitted dining/kitchen, fully tiled shower room/WC, cloaks, pleasant well stocked garden, off-street parking for two/three cars, enjoying easy access to Birmingham city centre and requiring full internal inspection to be appreciated.

Offers based on £209,950

Viewing: Via Bearwood Office

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WELLESLEY ROAD, OLDBURY

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★TWO BEDROOM ★MID TERRACED
★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★FITTED KITCHEN ★SHOWER ROOM
★REAR GARDEN

FARM ROAD, OLDBURY

£95,000 NEW PRICE

★ Mid-Terrace Property
★ TWO Bedrooms
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ Central Heating
★ Double Glazing
★ UPSTAIRS BATHROOM.

WALLACE ROAD, TIVIDALE

£97,000 REDUCED

★ THREE BEDROOM SEMI
★ LOUNGE ★GUEST W.C.
★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ BATHROOM ★ REAR GARDEN
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

HURST ROAD, SMETHWICK

£105,000 REDUCED

★THREE BEDROOM ★MID TERRACED
★THROUGH LOUNGE ★KITCHEN
★BATHROOM ★FRONT DRIVEWAY

CUMBERLAND ROAD, OLDBURY

£125,000 REDUCED

★ THREE BEDROOM ★SEMI DETACHED
★ Entrance Hallway ★ TWO Reception Rooms
★ Kitchen ★ Utility Area
★ Central Heating ★ Double Glazing

CHESTER RISE, OLDBURY

£127,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ MID TERRACED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY AREA
★ REAR GARDEN
★ OFF ROAD PARKING

DARBY ROAD, OLDBURY

£129,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ SEMI
★ LOUNGE ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
OFF ROAD PARKING

HEMPOLE LANE, TIPTON

£138,950 REDUCED

★ THREE BEDROOM SEMI
★ LOUNGE & DINING AREA
★ STUDY ROOM ★FITTED KITCHEN
★ BATHROOM ★ REAR GARDEN
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY.

HIGHBURY ROAD, OLDBURY

£145,000 REDUCED

★ THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED
★ LOUNGE ★ DINING ROOM
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ GUEST W.C
★ FAMILY BATHROOM ★REAR GARDEN
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ SIDE GARAGE

SALOP STREET, OLDBURY

£159,950

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ DETACHED
★ NEW BUILD ★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ LOUNGE ★ DINING ROOM
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ FRONT DRIVEWAY
★ CLOSE TO AMENTITIES & TOWN CENTRE

TRAFALGAR ROAD, TIVIDALE

£179,950 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ UTILITY AREA ★ GUEST W.C.
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

WAKEMAN DRIVE, TIVIDALE

£185,000 NEW

★ THREE BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN
★ CONSERVATORY ★ GUEST W.C.
★ OFF ROAD PARKING ★ GARAGE

REGENT ROAD, TIVIDALE

£195,000

★ THREE BEDROOM ★ DETACHED
★ LOUNGE ★ DINING ROOM
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY ROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ GARAGE

WINDSOR ROAD, OLDBURY

£198,000 NEW PRICE

★ Three Bedrooms ★ Two Receptions
★ Breakfast Kitchen ★ Shower Room
★ Utility Room ★Bathroom
★ Rear Garage ★ FULLY REFURBISHED
★★★★ MUST BE VIEWED ★★★★

VICARAGE STREET, OLDBURY

£220,000 NEW

★ FIVE BEDROOMS ★ EXTENDED
★ SEMI DETACHED ★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY AREA
★ EN SUITE ★ SHOWER ROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★GARAGE

HUSKISON CLOSE, TIVIDALE, OLDBURY

£229,950 NEW

★ FOUR BEDROOMS ★ DETACHED
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ FITTED KITCHEN ★ UTILITY AREA
★ EN-SUITE TO MASTER BEDROOM
★ FRONT DRIVEWAY ★ TWIN DOUBLE

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, OLDBURY

£260,000 NEW PRICE

★ FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED PROPERTY
★ TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★ EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
★ FAMILY BATHROOM

WEST PARK ROAD, SMETHWICK

£329,950 REDUCED

★FOUR BEDROOM★TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
★EXTENDED KITCHEN DINER
★SHOWER ROOM ★BATHROOM
★SIDE GARAGE ★REAR GARDEN

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Summerhill Road, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, shower room, fore garden, rear garden & vehicle access to rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £72,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Belmont Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering immaculate accommodation, no upward chain & briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted kitchen (fitted appliances), 2 bedrooms (fitted wardrobes), bathroom, side driveway, side garage plus work shop, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £109,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Cupfields Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Reception hall, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £94,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

St Helens Avenue, Bridgemere, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, enclosed porch, reception hall, lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway to front and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Elizabeth Mews, Tividale — NEW

Modern End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating and cul-de-sac location. Offering well presented accommodation which briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, side driveway, side garage, fore / rear gardens
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lindley Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Traditional Semi Detached having double glazing and gas central heating. Offering no upward chain and briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, sitting room, breakfast room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, enclosed driveway, side garage, fore garden and large rear garden leading onto canal.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Hudson Road, Tipton — NEW

Semi Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & offering no upward chain. Reception hall, lounge, sitting room, kitchen, outhouses, 3 bedrooms, shower room, driveway to side, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £84,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Davis Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Much Improved Traditional Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Ideal location with canal to rear whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge / dining room, extended fitted kitchen, family room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower cubicle, driveway to front and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £121,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Anne Grove, Burberry Grange, Tipton — NEW

Modern Semi Detached situated on a most sought after location. Offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & briefly comprising, reception hall, through lounge / dining room, conservatory, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, large block paved driveway and attractive rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Lorne Street, Tipton — REDUCED

Immaculate Semi Detached having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Internal viewing strongly recommended whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, through lounge / dining room (feature fireplace), fitted kitchen (built in oven/hob, built in Fridge), 3 bedrooms (fitted wardrobes), bathroom with shower, enclosed block paved driveway & good size rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £104,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Wades Close, The Grove, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern 'Hockley 2' design 2.5 storey Semi Detached having UPVc double-glazing, gas central heating, fitted alarm and spacious family accommodation. Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted kitchen with built in oven/hob, 4 bedrooms, 2 en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom, side garage & rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £142,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Scott Street, Heathfields, Tipton — REDUCED

Modern Three Storey Middle Town House having upvc double glazing & gas central heating. Spacious family accommodation briefly comprises, reception hall, guest shower room, lounge / dining room, study room (possible bedroom 4) fitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, 3 bedrooms 2 with en suite shower rooms, family bathroom, separate garage, fore & rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £139,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Barney Close, Tipton — NEW

Modern Executive style Detached offering upvc double glazing, gas central heating & improved accommodation. Spacious family home, briefly comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room, guest cloakroom, 4 bedrooms, en suite shower room, family bathroom, driveway, garage, fore / rear gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £195,995
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Newcomen Drive, Tipton — NEW

Modern Middle Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating & cul de sac location. Offering no upward chain, superbly presented internal accommodation & briefly comprising, reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen with built in oven/hob, conservatory, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, parking to front & paved rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £129,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Carnegie Avenue, Tipton — NEW

Considerably extended End Terrace offering upvc double glazing and superbly presented accommodation. Extended to side at ground / first floor level whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, abthroom with shower, side driveway and rear garden.
OFFERS AROUND: £134,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Castle Road, Tipton — REDUCED

Traditional Detached having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, good size corner plot and extended to rear. Sought after location & briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, lounge, extended sitting room, extended fitted kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, driveway, excellent size rear garden & garage to rear.
OFFERS AROUND: £174,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Cotterills Road, Tipton — REDUCED

End Terrace having upvc double glazing, gas central heating, no upward chain and well presented accommodation. Ideal first time purchase whilst briefly comprising, reception hall, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 2 bedrooms, loft room, bathroom with shower, driveway & gardens.
OFFERS AROUND: £77,500
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Coronation Road, Tipton

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OFFERS AROUND: £54,950
Viewing: 0121 522 3733

Overton Place, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An immaculate first floor flat within the quiet development of Overton Place, benefiting from UPVc double Glazing & Gas Central Heating. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall with stairs to first floor, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Re Fitted Bathroom & Communal Parking Area. Must Be Viewed.
OFFERS AROUND: £74,995
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

West Bromwich Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich — NEW

- An Extended Traditional Semi Detached House
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Benefitting From Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Hall with Shower Room/ WC off

Viewing 0121 525 2111

- Dining Room, Extended Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom/ WC
- Gardens to Front & Rear

OFFERS AROUND: £164,950

West Bromwich Caldwell Street, West Bromwich — NEW

- An Excellent Extended 3 Bedroom Semi Detached House
- Master Bedroom with En suite WC
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- Lounge, Sitting Room

Viewing 0121 525 2111

- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Shower Room/ WC
- Laundry

OFFERS AROUND: £119,950

Pennyhill Lane, West Bromwich West Bromwich

An Attractive, Modern Mid Town House located on the highly sought after Penny Hill Lane. Having 5 bedrooms with 2 ensuites, this property really must be seen to be appreciated. No Upward Chain. Accomodation Comprises- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC, Lounge/ Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, 5 Bedrooms, 2 Ensuites, Family Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front & Rear and Garage within rear Courtyard with Parking Space.
OFFERS AROUND: £234,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

Mottram Close, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Deceptively Spacious Detached House located within a Quiet Cul De Sac, which must be be viewed to be fully appreciated. Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing & No Upward Chain. Accommodation Comprises- Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Utility with WC, 3 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom/ WC, Gardens to Front, Rear & Side and Driveway leading to Integral Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £179,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

West Bromwich Bank Street, West Bromwich — REDUCED

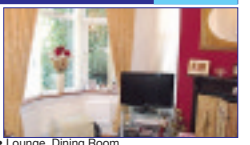
- A Semi Detached House
- 2 Good Size Bedrooms
- Central Heating and Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

Viewing 0121 525 2111

- Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen/ Diner
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Convenient Location for Shops, Schools and Bus Routes.

OFFERS AROUND: £89,000

West Bromwich Bustleholme Lane, West Bromwich — REDUCED



- A Delighyful Traditional Semi Detached House
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Porch, Hall

Viewing 0121 525 2111

- Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Refitted Shower Room/ WC

OFFERS AROUND: £169,950

Melbourne Close, West Bromwich West Bromwich

A Delightful Corner Plot Semi Deatched House Much Improved by the Current Owners. Excellent Extension Potential (Subject to Planning Permission), Benefitting from Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm. Accommodation Comprises- Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Refitted Kitchen, 3 Good Size Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom/ WC, Good Size Rear Garden, Garage.
OFFERS AROUND: £149,950
Viewing: 0121 525 2111

West Bromwich Brandon Way, West Bromwich

- An Attractive Double Fronted Semi Detached House
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm
- Storm Porch, Entrance Hall

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- Through Lounge
- Open Plan Refitted Kitchen with Dining Area
- Large Conservatory
- Refitted Bathroom with Seperate WC

OFFERS AROUND: £137,500

West Midlands Hall Green Road, West Bromwich, West Midlands

- An Attractive Modern Semi Detached House
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Central Heating, Double Glazing and Intruder Alarm
- No Upward Chain

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- Entrance Hall with Guest Cloaks/ WC
- Lounge, Large Kitchen with Dining Area
- Conservatory
- Shower Room/ WC

OFFERS AROUND: £150,000

West Bromwich Hopkins Drive, — NEW

- A Spacious Detached Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Central Heating, Majority Double Glazing, Intruder Alarm

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- Entrance Hall
- Large Open Plan Lounge/ Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom/ WC

OFFERS AROUND: £184,950

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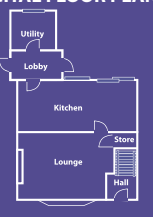

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TIPTON
HOLCROFT ROAD
- Mid Terraced House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Downstairs Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£395 PCM

DUDLEY PORT
DUDLEY PORT
- 2 Bed flat
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazed
- Sorry No DHSS

£395 PCM

OLDBURY
CAKEMORE ROAD
- Two Storey Flat
- First Floor
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM

TIPTON
MIDDLE MEADOW
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Familiy Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Secured Buzzer Entrance
- Sorry NO DHSS

£450 PCM

BRADLEY
ELIZABETH AVENUE
- 3 Bedroom Semi Detached
- Porch
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sorry NO DHSS

£450 PCM

DARLASTON
DANGERFIELD LANE
- Two Bedroom Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway
- Sorry NO DHSS

£450 PCM

DARLASTON
WESSON ROAD
- 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sorry NO DHSS

£495 PCM

WEDNESBURY
BLENHEIM DRIVE
- Three bedroom mid terrace townhouse
- Entrance hallway
- Lounge ● Kitchen
- Guest WC
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Front and rear gardens
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Off road parking
- SORRY NO DHSS

£550 PCM

WEDNESBURY
WESTMORE WAY
- Five Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Five Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Garage
- Sorry NO DHSS

£650 PCM

TAMEBRIDGE
OXLIP CLOSE
- Extended Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen ● Utility
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite Shower Room
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry NO DHSS

£700 PCM

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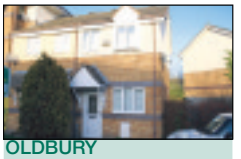
NEW

TIPTON
GROVELAND ROAD
- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor Appartment
- 1 Reception Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Designated Parking

£39,995



OLDBURY
THE MOORINGS
- One Bedroom End-Terrace
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted Shower
- Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Designated Parking
- 5% Deposit Paid

£75,950

NEW

WEST BROMWICH
MONKGATE DRIVE
- 2 Bedroom
- 1 Reception Room
- Ground Floor Appartment
- Secured Buzzer Entrance
- Double Glazing
- Close to Town Centre

£85,000

REDUCED

WEST BROMWICH
MONKGATE DRIVE
- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

£89,000

NO CHAIN

WEST BROMWICH
ANSON ROAD
- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- Detached Garage

£89,950

NEW

WEDNESBURY
COBHAM ROAD
- Mid Terraced
- 3 Bedrooms
- 1 Reception Room
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- NO CHAIN

£92,000

NO CHAIN

WEST BROMWICH
CROCKFORD ROAD
- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- NO CHAIN

£104,950

WEST BROMWICH
ASTON COURT
- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Further Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking

£104,950

WEDNESBURY
ALDER ROAD
- One Bedroom
- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Refurbished
- Located in a Cul De Sac
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£109,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
LILAC GROVE
- Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

£112,000

WEST BROMWICH
MARSH LANE
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Driveway

£114,950

WEST BROMWICH
EDWIN PHILLIPS DRIVE
- Two Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Downstairs W/C
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

£117,500

WEST BROMWICH
SIDDONS WAY
- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

£117,950

NO CHAIN

WEST BROMWICH
RYDDING SQUARE
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

£117,950

DARLASTON
PARTRIDGE AVENUE
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Two Receptions Rooms
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£119,400

TIPTON
TIBBINGTON TERRACE
- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs W/C
- Off Road Parking
- Well Maintained

£119,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
CHARLOTTE ROAD
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Block Paved Driveway

£124,950

WEST BROMWICH
WHITGREAVE STREET
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Small Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway

£124,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
FRANCHISE STREET
- NO CHAIN
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Wardrobes
- Fitted Kitchen
- Excellent Transport Links
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Looking For a Quick Sale

£124,995

WEDNESBURY
DARLASTON ROAD
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Lounge
- Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two Further Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Driveway

£142,500

REDUCED

WEDNESBURY
OAKESWELL STREET
- 3 Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Summer House
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage

£160,000

WEDNESBURY
ADDISON TERRACE
- 4 Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Garage

£179,500

WEST BROMWICH
BIRD END
- Four Bedroom Dormer Bungalow
- Two Recption Rooms
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Two Bathrooms
- Large Conservatory
- Garage & Driveway

£234,950

NO CHAIN

WEDNESBURY
GOLDBY DRIVE
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Detched Garage

£235,000

WEDNESBURY
WESTMORE WAY
- Detached Double Fronted
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- New Fitted Kitchen
- Walk In Shower Room
- Downstairs W/C
- Electric Garage

£239,950

WEST BROMWICH
ALL SAINTS WAY
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- One Bed Anex
- Garage

£249,950

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HIGHFIELD LANE, QUINTON

- Detached home with conservatory
- Spacious lounge & dining room
- Downstairs WC, kitchen & separate utility room
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom & WC on 1st floor
- Garage & driveway giving off road parking
- Double glazing & gas central heating fitted

£199,950 Ref: D1050

RIDGACRE ROAD WEST, QUINTON

- Semi detached home in need of modernisation
- Two reception rooms & extended kitchen
- Three bedrooms & bathroom on 1st floor
- Garage to rear accessed from gated service road
- Majority UPVC double glazing
- No upward chain - vacant possession

£145,000 Ref: D1045

AMBLESIDE, BARTLEY GREEN

- Stunning home on corner plot
- 15ft 6 lounge leading to conservatory
- Dining kitchen & new Worcester combi boiler
- 3 good sized bedrooms & bathroom
- UPVC d/g soffits/fascias & GCH
- Garage/workshop lots of parking/driveway

£134,950 Ref: D1051

MONCKTON ROAD, OLDBURY

- Semi detached home with delightful gardens
- Lounge, dining room & refitted kitchen
- 3 bedrooms & bathroom on first floor
- Front garden & off road parking to rear
- Fitted with GCH & double glazing
- No upward chain - vacant possession

£139,950 Ref: D961

COCKSHED LANE, HALESOWEN

- Sizeable 3 bed home in excellent condition
- 2 separate reception rooms with fireplaces
- Vestibule/study area leading to 10ft kitchen
- Downstairs bathroom with Triton shower over bath
- UPVC double glazing & GCH throughout
- Lawned rear garden with patio & gated side access

£119,950 Ref: D1048

SEEDHOUSE COURT, CRADLEY HEATH

- Spacious first floor flat with two double beds
- Secluded position over looking woodland
- Lounge & kitchen - with woodland views
- Communal rear gardens - allocated parking
- Fitted with gas central heating & combi boiler
- Vacant possession - No upward chain

£89,950 Ref: D1046

WESTCOMBE GROVE, BARTLEY GREEN

- Ground floor maisonette with garage & gardens
- Two bedrooms & shower room
- 17ft lounge & 9ft 8 kitchen
- UPVC double glazing & GCH
- No upward chain - vacant possession
- Garage en-bloc with up & over door

£79,950 Ref: D1041

CHARTER PLACE, OLDBURY

- Well presented first floor apartment
- Brand new fitted kitchen with open plan lounge
- 12ft 2 double bedroom with fitted carpets
- White suite bathroom with electric shower
- Allocated off road parking space per apartment
- Modern electric heating & UPVC double glazing

£74,950 Ref: D1043

HIGH HADEN ROAD, HIGH HADEN AREA

- Detached family home with lovely views
- Lounge, sep dining room & downstairs WC
- Breakfast kitchen & separate utility
- Three bedrooms & family bathroom
- Rear gardens, driveway & garage
- Fitted with double glazing & GCH

£184,950 Ref: D835

GRAYSWOOD PARK ROAD, QUINTON

- Semi detached 3 bed home
- Vacant possession - no upward chain
- Lounge/diner & extended kitchen
- Shower rm & sep WC on 1st floor
- Off road parking to front & rear garden
- Fitted with GCH & in need of some updating

£159,950 Ref: D984

WESTMEAD DRIVE, OLDBURY

- Extended detached home with garage
- Lounge, extended dining kitchen & d/s shower rm
- 3 bedrooms & bathroom with sep WC on 1st floor
- UPVC double glazing, fascias & soffits
- Gas central heating & alarm system
- No upward chain - P/X available

£159,950 Ref: D1029

FARM AVENUE, OLDBURY

- Extended semi detached home with garden
- Breakfast kitchen to rear
- Two separate reception rooms
- Refitted bathroom & three bedrooms
- Garage to side & blockpaved driveway to front
- UPVC double glazing & gas central heating fitted

£159,950 Ref: D873

FARM AVENUE, OLDBURY

- Well presented 3 bed semi det. home
- Open plan dining kitchen/Conservatory
- Separate lounge to front
- Landscaped lawned rear garden
- Blockpaved off road parking
- UPVC double glazing & GCH fitted

£155,950 Ref: D916

PERRY HILL LANE, OLDBURY

- Individually built home
- Extended to rear with dining room
- Refitted bathroom & 2 bedrooms
- Separate lounge - feature fireplace
- Driveway & lawned garden
- UPVC D/G & gas C/H fitted

£147,500 Ref: D944

MAYSWOOD GROVE, QUINTON

- Semi-det home with driveway
- 3 bedrooms & shower room
- 2 reception rooms & kitchen
- UPVC double glazing & GCH
- Garage at head of the garden
- No upward chain - vacant possession

£124,950 Ref: D1033

JARVIS CRESCENT, OLDBURY

- Well presented semi 3 bed with conservatory
- Lounge & downstairs bathroom
- Master bedroom - ensuite wash rm & toilet
- Off road parking to front & garden to rear
- UPVC d/g, fascias & soffits - alarm system
- Benefiting GCH (combi boiler fitted)

£114,950 Ref: D979

MARTLEY CROFT, QUINTON

- Well presented 2 bed mid terraced home
- Benefiting UPVC DBG & GCH
- Kitchen diner, lounge & downstairs WC
- Two bedrooms & bathroom on 1st floor
- Gardens to front & rear
- Vacant possession - P/X available

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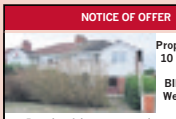

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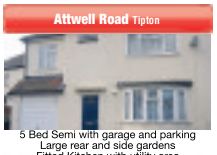

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Large Bathroom with Shower
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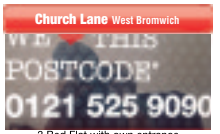

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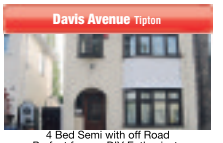

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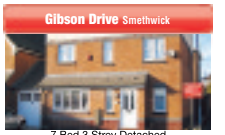

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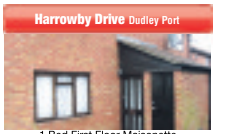

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Large Modern 3 Bed Apartments
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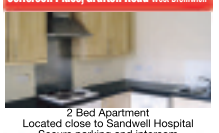

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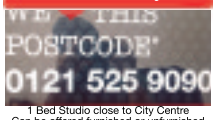

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Bathroom with bath and shower
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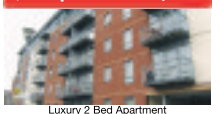

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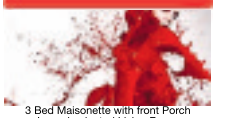
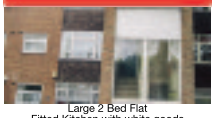


3 Bed Maisonette with front Porch
Large laminated Living Room
Fitted kitchen with built in cooker
Off Road Parking

£520pcm

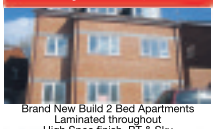
Yemms Croft, Lichfield Road Walsall



Large 2 Bed Flat
Fitted Kitchen with white goods
2 Double bedrooms
Fited Bathroom

£475pcm

Dudley Road Rowley Regis



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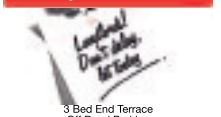

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Mazda's people carrier is set to make waves on the roads

The sculpted side panels add distinction

A high roofline indicates space

I have been privileged for more years than I care to remember to be in a position to test numerous different types of vehicles.

And one lesson that I have learned over a period of time is that if my wife uses or volunteers to drive the particular test vehicle then it is a good one.

Report by Bob Hickman

This is what happened with the arrival of Mazda's 5; she borrowed it to take a girl friend to play golf.

Then a long weekend break at Hay-on-Wye again saw her volunteer to drive. This told me that the Mazda 5 would be a joy to own and drive – and such was the case.

The Mazda 5 is a multi-activity vehicle, designated a MAV – a new one on me – that can seat seven quite easily.

Mazda has suggested that it drives like a dream and I really can't disagree.

The packaging of this vehicle is extremely good; it has the seven seats but huge functionality to go with them.

The rear side doors slide back to allow easy access but also mean narrow car park spaces are useable. This is also a huge bonus when loading or gaining access if you have mobility issues.

Spacious

One of the big features of the Mazda 5 is its driving dynamics.

A first glance at the vehicle says "van" but it drives without rock and roll with the aerodynamics ensuring there is no interference from cross-winds.

The design team has done a superb job in this vehicle.

The design shows strong Mazda DNA with the V-section bonnet and the five-pointed grille shouting the name of the manufacturer.

Specifications are very high and Mazda has continued with its chosen TS, TS2 and Sport derivatives.

I like the body-line; it has a nice, high roofline which gives an immediate impression of the roomy and spacious interior.

The rear sliding doors have a huge 70cms of opening space – this gives superb access to the conventional back row seats and the third one, too.

One feature where Mazda has shown other manufacturers how to do it is one-lever operation to lower the seat.

The second row of seats is multi-adjustable and the very rear section is very strong and has reinforcing in the roof so that in the event of a rear accident shunt the vehicle is safe.

I like the fact that the rear seats have integrated head restraints but even more I admire the fold-flat system.

With the last row of seats folded it is possible to place a mat over the lot and have a huge boot area. So often with multi-seated vehicles the last rows of seats which are rarely used occupy considerable luggage space.

The Mazda 5 has unique seating arrangements and this really does benefit a family.

The front seats are slightly lower than the normal rear ones which in turn are slightly lower than the very back row.

The second row has two seats plus an extra foldaway one, making it possible to walk from the very back through to the second row – a neat feature.

Mazda 5's are available with a choice of three power trains, a 1.6-litre diesel and two petrols in the form of a 1.8-litre and a two-litre.

My particular test vehicle was the two-litre Sport which produces 150bhp and has a 159g/km CO2 emission which puts it into tax band G costing £155 per year.

It is capable of 120mph and has a suggested combined figure of 40.9mpg on the fuel cycle. The computer told me that we were achieving 33mpg, well below the official figure.

The six-speed gearbox was an absolute delight. For once we had a vehicle with fifth and sixth gears useable in and around town, but the hills of Herefordshire meant work in second and third.

Mazda has also equipped the vehicle with a stop and go system. This takes a little bit of getting used to as when you come to a halt and put the vehicle in to neutral the engine cuts out.

Economy

It starts again as soon as you depress the clutch pedal and is, of course, a big feature when it comes to economy.

The new Mazda 5 is a fine handling family car with a high level of driver appeal.

Due to the dynamics and its ability to carry seven people in comfort with a bit of luggage, I think Mazda will continue to find a happy buying public.

Prices for the new Mazda 5 start at £18,165 for a 1.8-litre TS and top out at £21,995 for the Sport diesel.

The sliding doors give excellent access

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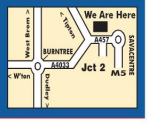

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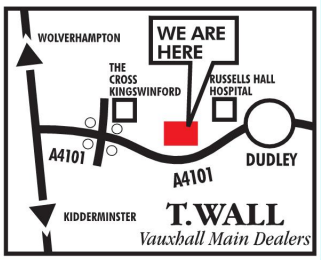

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 205
PARKDALE AVENUE, WEDNESBURY

Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of March 2011 the Borough Council of Sandwell in exercise of its powers under Section 205 of the Highways Act 1980 resolved to execute street works in part of the private street known as Parkdale Avenue, Wednesbury fronting Nos. 21 - 31 (odds) (inclusive).

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DIY gardening, friendly geek required by friendly 5?yr old attractive teacher, soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage garden. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365137

MANDY 38, size 10, looking for relationship with open minded man. Status unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 360317

SUE attractive, slim, 50's, green eyes, varied interests, lonely, GHAC, seeks special guy. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 130537

HOUR glass figured pretty brunette, 29, stands out in a crowd, looking for open minded friendship. Looks/status/Age unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361363

OPTIMISTIC Shropshire lass, slim, green eyes, seeks good looking gent, 40-50 with GSOH. Bridgnorth area preferred. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362093

SHARON tall slim attractive, lives alone with no ties, loves romanticising and WLTM man for good times together, maybe more. Any age. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350153

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 43, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334852

BLONDE blue eyed female, no ties, GHAC, wanting open minded, easygoing man for fun and laughs. Any looks/status. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363275

I'M a 29yr old blonde who enjoys cosy nights in seeking a fun older male who thinks he can handle me. ACA. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361050

31YR old curvy lady looking for open minded older male for text fun and possible meets. Call me. Looks/status unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362045

BLACK female, medium build, mother of two, WLTM lovely gent, 34-40, N/S with GSOH for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 148702

SLIM 32yr old blonde, kind, caring, good listener, honest, likes to have fun, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330373

CATS GV, gardening, friendly, educated geek required by ex teacher and soulful lady to share sunny days and starlit nights in my hilltop cottage. Shropshire. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363057

WENDY dark hair/eyes, medium build, seeks male for friendship and see what happens. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361580

LADY 70's, seeks gent of similar age for friendship, days out and holidays. Dudley area. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361049

CARING and honest lady 37, 5ft 2ins, WLTM very caring and honest gentle man. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357085

KIND romantic, loving lady, slight disability, seeks genuine male for romance. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357751

FEMALE 57, slim, 5ft 4ins, genuine, caring, seeks kind male who is genuine and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 356781

OUTGOING sociable young female, 33, average looks, likes pubs, clubs, bowling, cinema, seeks gent, 33-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362780

32YR Irish lass working away from home and friends, lonely and looking for older male companionship with no ties or complications. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363273

LITTLE bit nice and definitely a little bit naughty! Imaginative curvy blonde seeks male for kisses and cuddles. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 363423

BLONDE tanned female, trendy, 43, GSOH, likes walks, pubs, nights in, seeks male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334852

FEMALE likes meals out, cinema, nights in, seeks male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361871

BUBBLY female, 42, young at heart, honest, caring, likes outdoors, cinema, theatre, meals out, seeks like-minded male/soul mate, 40-50. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 357010

LINDA 70's, likes theatre, dancing, seeks nice gent for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355801

ATTRACTIVE female, 42, slim, brunette, no ties, N/S, likes travel, nights out, weekends away, seeks slim male for possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327570

42YR old Sagittarian 5ft 7ins, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks genuine, caring guy interested in films, meals out, country walks, gardening and travel, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358909

SHROPSHIRE lady 48, slim, attractive, N/S, seeks attractive male, 5ft 10ins plus for good times, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359401

MARIA 38, blonde, 5ft 5ins, caring, likes nights in/out, seeks caring male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 320310

SLIM professional, attractive, sociable lady, 55, seeks genuine, articulate, professional gent, 55 plus with GSOH and enjoys the good things in life. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359411

KIND romantic, loving lady, 43, slight disability, seeks genuine, caring male for relationship. Telford. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354533

YVETTE pretty, stylish, medium, 48, outgoing, bubbly, sporty, seeks male for nights in/out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351907

PROFESSIONAL independent lady, 48, slim, blonde, attractive, varied interests, seeks intelligent, romantic, sincere, genuine male with GSOH for companionship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350351

DO you know what women want? 40yr old petite lady needs spoiling and lots of love by attractive male, 45-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327573

SHROPSHIRE female 40, seeks special local male to share life with. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359050

YOUNG looking, pretty female, 40, brunette, slim, no ties, N/S, seeks attractive, retired male for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 373115

SLIM attractive 44yr old female, N/S, no ties, likes travel, nights out, seeks male, 40-50 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341401

HELEN 38, one child, blonde hair, 5ft 5ins, slim, attractive, likes swimming, dancing, seeks male, 40-53 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337309

MICHELLE black British, 30, curvy slim, size 12, 5ft 5ins, sociable, friendly, understanding, loving, seeks male, 30-38 to enjoy romantic nights. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317045

72YR old widow, smart, likes travel, conversation, dancing, cooking, missing that special man in her life who is easy going and N/S. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340285

SINGLE mum, non drinker, seeks male for nights out, meals and lots of fun. Dudley. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 353085

FUN loving, attractive 6?yr old widow likes socialising, meals out and dancing WLTM a male with a GSOH. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 139005

LISA 32, size 8, seeks male, 32-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348713

32YR old female, brunette, N/S, likes walks, concerts, theatre, seeks male, 20-35 for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 300095

PROFESSIONAL lady, young 60, fashionable, pleasant, kind, likes country side, outdoors, holidays, family life, seeks pleasant, committed Christian male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 376403

OPEN friendly Christian female, professional, seeks kind, caring, Christian male for friendship and more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348867

FRIENDLY black female, attractive, 48, single mum, professional, seeks attractive, ardent, lonely, professional, genuine male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340365

ATTRACTIVE Tall, black female, 57, 5ft ?, slim medium build, kind, honest, considerate, own home, seeks genuine, tall, faithful, 34 plus male, 45-70 with own home for serious relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340217

BRIGHT bubbly adventurous, outgoing, honest, trustworthy female, seeks ... find me. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 359235

WHITE 50's genuine medium West Brom female, divorced, easygoing, seeks fit medium male, 50-60 for LTR. Car owner preferred. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358855

SHROPSHIRE lady, 57, likes country side, sea, travel, cooking, sewing, lived on farm, seeks special genuine gent for nice match. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334241

CURVY red haired female, been hurt in the past seeks older male to buy her flowers and mend her broken heart. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 377432

LADY N/S, car owner, seeks lonely, retired gent with old fashioned values for friendship/days out and holidays. Stourbridge. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 354133

ATTRACTIVE female, 45, slim, affectionate, intelligent, seeks honest, caring male for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 301001

ATTRACTIVE mum, 48, 5ft 5ins, cinema, walks, country, WLTM attractive male of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 341479

SLIM attractive, self sufficient lady, 48, GSOH, seeks special male, 35-50 to share evening in/out, theatre, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351313

ATTRACTIVE slim blonde, 45, seeks honest, caring, genuine male, 45-55 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340651

FEMALE kind, giving, thoughtful, sensitive, seeks lifetime friend to love and understand me for who I am. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350307

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BOSSY lady 48, dark hair, fit, slim, good looking, seeks male, 40-50 who will do as he is told. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 326113

WEST Midlands female, 4?, attractive, slim, divorced, N/S, seeks slim, clean, attractive male. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 343795

60YR old lady, young at heart, divorced, medium build, likes kisses, cuddles, seeks gent, 5ft 8? with GSOH and similar likes. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 334827

PRETTY size 8 female, 10, seeks male to spoil and treat her like a Princess. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 335019

FEMALE medium build, seeks nice N/S male, 40-42 for fun and friendship, maybe more. West Midlands. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337085

WIDOWED female, 6?, likes socialising, holidays, meals out, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330785

59YR old female, young at heart, likes cinema, theatre, meals out, pubs, walks, holidays, seeks genuine, trustworthy male, 48-59. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330275

ATTRACTIVE single mum, 40, outgoing, seeks similar guy for good times, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 348919

PRINCE wanted, must be 30, loving, caring and honest, would forget I am late 50's and attractive. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337465

SLIM curvy blonde, 44, professional, seeks tall, professional male, 40-50 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 171231

PROFESSIONAL tall, slim, attractive, bubbly genuine lady seeks tall, professional, genuine guy, 40-50. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 215244

IRENE 72, N/S, active, 5ft 2ins, slim, blonde hair, seeks similar male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 337301

ATTRACTIVE widow, 5ft 8ins, GHAC, GSOH, likes meals out, holidays, WLTM gent, 70-80 for friendship and happiness. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330461

GENUINE caring widow, 64, attractive, likes reading, holidays, meals out, seeks genuine N/S male, 60-68. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 378586

ATTRACTIVE glamorous, black female, young 44, seeks male for friendship/dating and LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330790

FEMALE 52, 5ft 2ins, divorced, likes walking, dancing, cinema, meals out, seeks genuine, N/S male, 50-55. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 175714

BLONDE attractive, educated lady tall, slim, curvy, 47, seeks tall, professional, 40-52. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362478

MAUREEN seeks male 32-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 329548

LADY 78, N/S, caring, respectable, WLTM gentleman, 70-78 for outings, holidays, day trips and friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340027

GENUINE caring, mid 30's female, many interests, GSOH, seeks kind, genuine, loyal male for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327485

23YR old brunette, seeks fun loving, adventurous male for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 330013

ATTRACTIVE slim female, 54, divorced, faithful, 5ft 3ins, medium, young at heart, seeks genuine, nice looking, clean male, 57-67. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333375

BLACK female, 38, seeks male, 30-50, adventurous, fun loving, daring and caring. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 327355

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HANDSOME attractive, fit, professional banker, 38, WLTM attractive, honest, caring ladyfriend, 37-45 for LTR. Colour unimportant. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 270700

MALE 48, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, seeks female, 30-50. Shropshire. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 332713

LONELY bloke, blond hair, blue eyes, seeks nice lady for fun, maybe more. Single mum welcome. Hereford. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 355000

DIVORCED male, Caucasian, 57, looks younger, seeks special lady to fill the empty space in life. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340003

DARREN seeks female, 34-38 for fun times. Stourbridge. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365257

SHROPSHIRE male, 58, N/S, quiet, lonely, WLTM 50 plus, medium sized female for friendship, company, kisses and indoor fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365403

GENT 40, GSOH, likes music, pubs, meals out, seeks nice lady, 30-40 for friendship/relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365365

HELP lady, help! Inexperienced CD, 52, seeks understanding female for fun and excitement. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 226021

HANDSOME kind, fit male, youthful 48, fun, romantic, solvent, great company, seeks slim, attractive, independent, educated lady, up to 45 for LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 303270

NEVILLE 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, black hair, likes walks, camping, cooking, seeks female for fun and friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340570

MALE 45, average build, seeks female, 35-50 for fun, friendship, nights in and out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 333643

47YR old male, N/S, 5ft 8ins, kind, affectionate, seeks similar slim medium build female, 30-50 for nights out, friendship and maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 324820

COLIN 5ft 8ins, average build, young 57, GSOH, seeks female with GSOH. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 340457

SHROPSHIRE country gent, 48, no ties, seeks Shropshire country lady for LTR. Must be honest and genuine, 25-45. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364307

1972 model male, 39, 5ft 5ins, average build, blue eyes, GSOH, seeks female, 18-55 for friendship, maybe more. Single mum welcome. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364267

STOP! Steve 52, confident, seeks high heeled, female for fun and adventure. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 227208

70YR old male GHAC, in good health, seeking female 60-70. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365107

39YR old male, average looks, attractive personality likes shopping, eating out and music seeks a female, 25-35, for friendship and more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 128088

TALL fit good looking friendly guy with GSOH, 40, seeks adventurous lady for fun only daytime liaisons. Halesowen. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 358747

THOUGHTFUL adventurous, attractive guy, 37, GHAC, likes nights in/out, seeks attractive girl with similar interests. Single mum welcome. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 360863

SINGLE guy seeks nice lady for fun, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364305

ATTRACTIVE male, 35, GSOH, caring, romantic, seeks slim female, 18-35. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362707

GARY 37, 5ft 2ins, black hair, seeks female for LTR, maybe fun. Single mum welcome. Willenhall. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 352731

ROBERT 38, national trust member, honest, caring, likes most sports, travel, theatre, seeks lady for friendship, maybe more. Staffs. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 351087

YOUNG 30yr old male, tall, fit, friendly, seeks similar lady for friendship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361480

SINGLE 40yr old male, seeks nice, kind, gentle, loving female. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 365010

ACTIVE 31yr old, slim, dark hair, loves life, has many interests, seeks female for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 352753

SIMON 53, N/S, dark hair, attractive, GSOH, 5ft 8ins, likes meals out, cinema, theatre, music, dancing, days out, holidays, walks, keeps fit, seeks attractive female, 40's with GSOH and similar interests. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364725

27YR old male, seeks genuine female of similar age for friendship and nights out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361200

CHARMING fit 40yr old professional male, seeks lovely, caring companion for friendship and fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 350045

SPORTY good looking guy, 37, GHAC, good job, likes meals out, pubs, cinema, nights in, seeks attractive female, 27-42. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364633

GLAMOROUS granny 30-35 required by George 54 for fun. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362663

KEVIN professional male, new to area, seeks friendly, laidback female for nights out. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 317480

JEFF 71, young looking, seeks female of similar age for meals out and travel. Stourbridge and surrounding area. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364795

MALE 38, good looking, fit, loving, caring, GSOH, WLTM female, 40-55 for friendship, possible relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 235383

CHRISTIAN white male, handsome, medium build, 5ft 9ins, 42, WLTM female, mixed race/British/Caribbean, Christian, 20-38, honest friendship possible LTR. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364771

FRANCIS 57, likes nights out, a laugh, seeks female with a GSOH. Wolverhampton. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 364381

BARRY slim 30, 55, clean, good looking, active, seeks female. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 361471

GOOD hearted 2?yr old student, looking for loving relationship with female, 18-27. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362119

HANDSOME male, 47, tactile, romantic, likes meals out, days out, walks, nights in, seeks sensitive, intelligent female, 38-48 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 322561

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GAY female, 35, 5ft 3ins, likes badminton, cycling, days out, seeks feminine female, 30-40 for relationship. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 362015

MALE 34, attractive, 5ft 10ins, blue eyes, blond hair, seeks slim male for fun relationship. Any area, can travel. Tel No: 0905 436 6562 Box No: 311302

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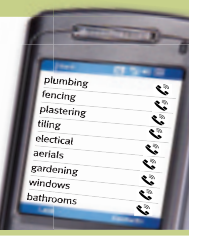

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SPEEDWAY

Vue Kling on to win

BELLE VUE 50 BIRMINGHAM 42

BIRMINGHAM'S trip to Belle Vue left them frustratingly short of any Elite League points after their patched-up team came close to pulling off a big away win.

Brummies, without four of their first-choice riders, stunned the hosts by marching into a 29-19 lead thanks to 5-1s in the first two races, backed up by a further maximum in Heat 8.

James Wright relished his return to Kirkmanshulme Lane and fellow reserve Nick Morris was also impressive – but it was the Aces' Ricky Kling who turned his meeting around to the benefit of his team.

Brummies had conceded a 7-1 in Heat 9 when the Aces used a tactical ride and finished first and second – but in the wrong order for the full eight points – and the visitors were six-up again after the next race as Morris took a superb win over Chris Harris.

Kling then raised his game to partner Rory Schlein in Heat 11 and Charlie Gjedde in Heat 12 for match-changing 5-1s which suddenly put the Aces ahead.

Birmingham guest Darcy Ward won Heat 13 to keep his side in the hunt, but Kling combined with Hougaard for a 5-1 in the penultimate race to leave the Brummies needing to share Heat 15 to take a consolation point.

But even that was denied them in a close battle between the front three riders, with Schlein the Aces' hero as he defeated Ward with Harris in third place.

BELLE VUE: Rory Schlein 12+2, Patrick Hougaard 12+1, Chris Harris 9, Ricky Kling 8+2, Charlie Gjedde 7+1, Kozza Smith 2, Dawid Stachyra 0. BIRMINGHAM: Darcy Ward 10+2, James Wright 10, Nick Morris 8+1, Ales Dryml 7+2, Joe Screen 6, Shane Parker 1+1, Daniel King R/R.

LAKESIDE 61 BIRMINGHAM 31

A patched up Birmingham team were left cursing their luck as they went down to a 61-31 Elite League defeat at Lakeside on Friday night.

Already missing Krzysztof Kasprzak and Danny King to suspension and injury they also saw riders suffer mechanical gremlins at the Arena-Essex raceway.

Guest Edward Kennett ground to a halt whilst leading on a tactical ride and Daniel Nermark was in scoring positions when suffering two stoppages.

That said, Lakeside were more than good value for their victory and the lack of race winners for the Brummies proved costly.

Kennett twice took the chequered flag on the way to his 10-point tally but he was the only visitor to taste victory. Although Joe Screen did mark his debut for Graham Drury's men with a score of 9+1.

Birmingham were never really in the contest as they trailed 17-7 following the completion of heat 4 and after Kennett's double-point misfortune in heat 6, four successive Hammers 5-1s effectively put the meeting beyond their reach.

LAKESIDE: Lee Richardson 12, Adam Shields 10, Ricky Wells 9+1, Peter Ljung 8+3, Kauko Niemiinen 8+2, Robert Mear 8+1, Piotr Swiderski 6+1 BIRMINGHAM: Edward Kennett 10, Joe Screen 9+1, Ales Dryml 6, Daniel Nermark 3, Claus Vissing 2, Kozza Smith 1+1, Daniel King R/R

CHALLENGE MATCH BIRMINGHAM BULLS 53 DUDLEY HEATHENS 39

BULLS skipper Jack Hargreaves scored a fine 15-point maximum to help his side overcome neighbours Dudley in an entertaining challenge fixture at Perry Barr.

Hargreaves reeled off five straight wins and received strong support from fellow heat-leaders Steve Worrall and Paul Starke, both of whom were unbeaten with the exception of a fall apiece in what was an eventful meeting.

Bulls trailed early on but turned the match around with a 5-1 in Heat 5, Mark Baseby passing Jon Armstrong on the run to the line, and that put them into a lead they never lost.

Heathens had the gap down to five points with four heats to go but the Bulls recorded three 5-1s in the last four heats with reserve Stefan Nielsen giving an impressive display after suffering mechanical problems in his first ride.

BIRMINGHAM: Jack Hargreaves 15, Steve Worrall 10+2, Paul Starke 8+1, Stefan Nielsen 8, Mark Baseby 7+2, Lewis Blackbird 3, Jake Knight 2+1. DUDLEY: Ashley Morris 11+2, Byron Bekker 7, Richard Franklin 5+1, Tom Perry 5+1, Darryl Ritchings 5+1, Jon Armstrong 5+1, Luke Chessell 1+1.

ADAM Roynon, Dudley's top rider so far this season, has suffered yet more injury woe.

Roynon, who has won a staggering 19 races in Heathens colours, has suffered a broken femur and is likely to require surgery. He crashed out of Redcar's Premier League meeting at Ipswich on Thursday and was taken to hospital. Heathens Chairman Nigel Pearson said: "Our thoughts are with Adam who is already a Heathens hero after only five matches for us."

FOOTBALL

Tipton gain 100 points and score 101 goals but still miss out on title

TIPTON TOWN 4 FRIAR LANE 0

TIPTON ended their impressive season with a victory over Friar Lane.

The win and four goals means that Tipton end their campaign on 100 points and having scored over 100 League goals.

They also have the best defensive record in the league conceding just 32 goals all season – but Coalville ultimately secured the Midland Alliance title thanks to a superior goal difference.

Coming into the game Tipton needed a near miracle to end the day as Champions as free-scoring Coalville were up against Alvechurch.

The Leicestershire side ran out 9-0 winners but Tipton have so much to be proud of.

There was nothing to choose between the top two and it seems harsh that only one team will get promoted when both clearly deserve it.

Against Friar Lane Nicky Campbell made a start on the right-hand side and Steve Palmer was recalled to the team as Tipton's youth players were allowed to play in the Reserves Cup final at Chasetown.

The game could have been made safe in the opening few minutes when Danny Campbell latched onto an awful headed backpass.

Danny Campbell's header is saved by the keeper. *Pictures: Tony Marsh*

Lee Osbourne nets goal number 100

However, he elected to try and find strike partner Jozsef Jakab when it seemed easier to score.

Marcus Jackson cleared the crossbar when the visiting defence got in a muddle on the edge of the box allowing Jackson a free shot on goal.

News filtered through of the inevitable goals for Coalville meaning that Tipton now had to aim for the 100 points and goal mark. But goals looked to be hard to come by and chances came and went.

Danny Bragoli was denied by Thomas Johnson and the keeper again was at his best to deny a stinging Jakab strike after Danny Campbell's flick.

Jakab again came close as the half came to a close following Jackson's corner, and the sides went into the break level. Finally the breakthrough came two minutes after half-time.

Jackson's cross was headed back many games, heading home Jackson's free-kick.

Tipton were awarded the runners-up trophy, finishing as the team with the highest-ever points total in the league to have not claimed the title.

There was little between the sides but it came down to goal difference and Coalville's record-breaking scoring proved to be the difference between first and second.

City basketball players in world record attempt

BIRMINGHAM basketball fanatics are hoping to break the World Record for Free Throws in a unique event in the city on Saturday.

Team mates from the City of Birmingham Basketball Club their attempt to break the current World Record for Basketball Free Throws at Nechells Community Sports Centre.

The day will start at 10am with the world record attempt taking place between 12:30 and 1:30pm.

Participants are getting sponsored to take part and score as many free throws as possible within the hour. The current record stands at 1,968 in 60 minutes.

The club's head coach, Paul Douglas said: "We've always been interested in the record attempt and felt it would be a good way to raise the profile of our club, as well as raise money for some worthy charities.

"The players have been working flat out training for this and are ready to give it their all. We are aiming to raise £4,000. All sponsorship monies that are raised will be split between the club and our two chosen charities, Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation".

The team's coach, Robin Watson added: "Should the players break the world record, it will be a fantastic achievement, not only for the them but for the City of Birmingham."

Miranda Williams, Cancer Research UK's area volunteer manager for Birmingham said: "We are absolutely delighted that The City of Birmingham Basketball Club has decided to attempt such a great challenge to help raise money for Cancer Research UK.

"Cancer Research UK funds more than £8 million a year in Birmingham for research into the causes, preventions & treatments of cancer, so the support of a local sports team at an event like this is extremely important to us."

Pictured ready for the world record attempt by Birmingham basketball players are, from left, Robin Watson (coach U18s), Tevin Cohen (player U23s) Dalian Mason (player U23's) Paul Douglas (head of coach and player development)

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Top two locked in draw

AFC WULFRUNIANS 1 TIVIDALE 1

THE big game between the top two in the West Midlands Premier ended in a hard-fought draw.

Champions Tividale were given a guard of honour by Wulfs as they made their way on to the pitch.

The hosts made the brighter start and almost took a first-minute lead when Mensah Kinch's chip was cleared off the line by Joel Kettle and when Kinch returned the ball into the area Mark Swann headed over from six yards out.

The crucial first goal came in the 29th minute and it went to the home side. Robin Sheffield played a diagonal ball behind the Tividale defence and Swann held off the attentions of Mark Turton before firing a low shot past keeper Tim Beech into the bottom corner.

Swann very nearly doubled the lead two minutes later when he pounced on Scott Stamps' short back header to prod past the onrushing Beech but the ball rolled agonisingly wide of the target.

Level

Tividale had a great chance to level five minutes before the interval when James Cooper was put through but keeper Danny Tipton did well to smother his shot.

And the visitors stepped up the pressure after the interval, drawing level in the 58th minute.

Some neat play down the right following a short corner ended with Cooper firing home a low shot from the edge of the area.

Brett Clarke went close to a Tividale winner but his shot came back off the inside of the post.

But on the balance of play a draw was probably about the right result.

Coaches keep kids active

Callum Noble, front left, Emily Lander, both aged 10, and Francesca Hall, nine, were enjoying activities at Wednesbury Rugby Club

WEDNESBURY Rugby Club welcomed children to take part in a host of sporting activities.

About 50 aged six-13 enjoyed learning and playing games including basketball, football, rugby, and golf. They also took part in athletics sessions during the Easter holiday period.

They were taught by coaches from the firm ML Sports. Wednesbury Rugby Club junior coordinator, Sue Sargent, who organised the event, said: "We have had a wonderful week.

"The weather has been fabulous and the children have really enjoyed themselves. Some have already signed up to our next camps at Whitsun and the summer. The aim of the camp was to get children over to the rugby club, enjoying sport and getting active. We were also looking for children who may wish to join the rugby club."

They wanted to set up a girls section and wanted girls aged six-16 to give rugby a try.

The next camp is from May 31 until June 3 and costs £3 per child. Anyone interested in the camp or joining the girls section should call Ms Sargent on 07879036659.

Sir Trevor is backing Grass Roots show at NEC

SIR Trevor Brooking, the FA Director of Football Development, has officially launched the 2011 Grass Roots Football Show, being held at the NEC next month.

Europe's biggest grass roots show will kick off at the NEC for three days from Friday, June 3, with over 20,000 coaches, volunteers, supporters and youngsters set to attend.

Joining Brooking at the launch event were former Newcastle United manager Chris Hughton, Birmingham City women's team England international Karen Carney, football freestyler Billy Wyngrove and representatives from the grass roots game.

Brooking said: "I am passionate about grass roots football and the development of our national game depends on a quality early experience.

"The Grass Roots Football Show is an essential platform for the whole football family to come together and enjoy everything that is great about our game."

A leading line-up of coaching, managerial and playing talent has been lined up for this year.

Derby County captain Robbie Savage, former Coventry and Fulham manager Chris Coleman and ex-Aston Villa player Dion Dublin will make their show debuts. Former England manager Graham Taylor, Iain Dowie and Peter Taylor will be back by popular demand.

Tickets are priced £15 for adults and £7.50 for children under 16. See the website at www.grassrootsfootball.co.uk.

Competition – see page 18

Oldest bowling club seeks new recruits

HANDSWORTH Wood Bowling Club opened their 118th season with a full turn out of members and spectators in warm sunny weather.

Handsworth Wood is the oldest flat green bowling club in the Birmingham district and is situated in idyllic surroundings in Devonshire Road.

Like many other sports clubs, Handsworth Wood is always on the lookout for new members and is offering free taster sessions where coaching staff will be on hand to assist anyone wishing to experience the sport, whatever their age.

The club offers social bowling as well as league matches for those more competitively inclined.

For more information contact members Graham on 0121 378 4545 or Phil on 0121 358 6424, or go oline to visit the bowls club's website at www.handsworthwoodbowlingclub.co.uk, or email p.g.harris@talktalk.net.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ON a sunny but windy afternoon at Sandwell's Tividale track Chris Jewkes was a popular and worthy winner of the John Baugh Memorial Trophy, in front of the Baugh family.

The meeting is run over 36 races, after a normal 20 heat programme, the riders are divided up into four finals, based on the total points scored in their five rides.

Trophy

In these the riders have four rides, one from each starting position, with the winner of each, winning a trophy. winner of the A final being the rider who takes the main trophy.

A Final: 1 Chris Jewkes, 2 Lee Smith, 3 Andy Angell, 4 Lewis Osborne.

B Final: 1 Ben Mould, 2 Matt Smith, 3 Jack Harrold, 4 Jamie Brown.

C Final: 1 Paul Heard, 2 Mark Carmichael, 3 Scott Millward, 4 Joe Kemp.

D Final: 1 Luke Draisey, 2 Robert Bandosz, 3 Danny Garner, 4 Ricki Johnson.

The were no points for the taking from the Lions trip down to Poole on Sunday, losing by 104 points to 66. But the Sandwell lads battled hard for their points, and as always the club was proud of their efforts.

Premier League: (First Team) Lee Smith 17, Jack Harrold 12, Matt Smith 12, Ricky Johnson 10, Scott Millward 9, Josh Hill 6.

Second Team: Poole 112 Sandwell 68.

Scott Millward 18, Lee Smith 16, Matt Smith 16, Ricky Johnson 14, Josh Hill 4.

This Sunday Sandwell host East Newport (2pm) at their Tividale track in Sandwell's Second Premier League home match.

sport

Back in it! Peter Odemwingie reacts quickest to fire home Albion's equalising goal

Baggies hitman wants to stay at The Hawthorns

PETER Odemwingie has revealed he is willing to extend his Albion contract as Roy Hodgson refused to rule out a move for Fulham's Andy Johnson.

Odemwingie's stunning debut season in the Premier League has seen him linked with summer moves away from The Hawthorns.

But the Nigeria international, who is effectively tied to the Baggies for two more years, has again pledged his future to the club and invited the prospect of talks about extending his deal.

"I still have a contract but maybe after this season we can have a talk," said the 29-year-old. "I have one year left plus one-year's option.

"I am performing well and maybe drawing attention to myself. But we are staying up and I am happy.

"If I am in the plans for next year I will embrace it and keep playing."

Meanwhile, Hodgson declined to dismiss weekend reports linking him with a move for Johnson, who was a key member of his successful Fulham side.

"Andy Johnson for me is a wonderful player and a wonderful person," said Hodgson, who is looking to fine tune his squad in the summer.

Paul Scharner thanked his Albion team mates for bailing him out after his red card left them battling Villa with 10 men.

He said: "I don't have any complaints. I think it was a second yellow card and that was the wrong time to get my first red card in the English game.

"But the team did really well and I am a happy man now. It didn't bother them when I got sent off and we fought back."

Roberto deserves some of the credit, says boss

ALBION boss Roy Hodgson is insisting he must share the credit for Premier League survival with predecessor Roberto Di Matteo.

The Hawthorns head coach declared his side safe after Saturday's victory over Villa took them to 43 points – eight clear of the drop zone with just three games remaining.

But Hodgson said: "Let's be fair, we've stayed up and I'm delighted and glad that I have played a part but Roberto Di Matteo has also played a part because I have had nine games and he had 25 or 26.

"So any success of the team staying up should be shared between us."

Magic moment. . . Youssouf Mulumbu beats Villa's Brad Friedel and Ciaran Clark to the ball to seal a memorable win for Albion. *Pictures: Ed Bagnall*

Joy all round on a day to remember

WITH one piece of inspiration, Youssouf Mulumbu brought 26 years of hurt for the Albion faithful.

Such was the eruption of joy inside The Hawthorns as history was made, even Roy Hodgson got caught up in the moment.

As the rest of the stadium willed his side on to a momentous win, the Baggies boss turned from the pitch, spied wife Sheila in the directors' box and blew her a kiss.

A shared experience of ecstasy for more than 20,000 delirious souls became a tender personal moment for Hodgson. His was a quiet gesture that screamed of sweet vindication.

For Albion and their fans, Mulumbu's goal brought the pleasure of Premier

ALBION 2
VILLA 1

League survival and the unbridled joy of victory over Villa that no-one at the club had experienced in a generation.

For Hodgson, the thrilling late winner brought all that and much more.

After a season that saw a solid three-decade resume torn apart in just six months on Merseyside, Hodgson's efforts in 11 weeks at Albion have restored his standing among the wider football public.

And as his side played out the tense final moments of Saturday's match to seal their latest sensational success, the Hawthorns chief knew his mission of redemption was coming to a triumphant end.

Reputation

New challenges are coming into view already for Hodgson and the Baggies, but no task he takes on in his Hawthorns future will quite compare to the one he completed on Saturday as his team secured safety and he restored his reputation. Mathematically Hodgson and Co must wait a few more days for another season of top-flight action to be guaranteed, but in reality Saturday's memorable triumph removed any lingering doubts.

The 'Is' could even be dotted and the 'Ts' crossed before they take to the field for another derby at Molineux on Sunday. But it matters not. They now know such matters are mere formalities and they can shift their focus from the relegation scramble to the realistic prospect of a top-half finish and to giving their fans another afternoon of local pride.

After a season that has lurched from unprecedented highs to depressing lows, the Baggies were never likely to coast over the finishing line serenely.

So it came as no surprise that they chose an historic and nerve-jangling occasion on which to finish the job.

Not only did Hodgson's men defeat Villa for the first time in 26 years, they did it from 1-0 down, with 10 men and thanks to a dramatic Mulumbu winner within the final five minutes. And the collective show of willpower that propelled the Baggies to victory made ending their quarter century Villa hoodoo all the more special.

They did it without captain Chris Brunt, experienced right-back Steven Reid and, for more than half an hour, his only specialist deputy, Gonzalo Jara.

They did it for the final half-hour a man down thanks to the predictable sending off of Paul Scharner, who failed to curb his hunger for tackling despite an early booking that left him walking a tightrope.

And they did it despite a bizarre own-goal in the opening moments from Abdoulaye Meite, whose team-mates must still be unsure precisely what the big defender was attempting to do when he sliced a Stewart Downing cross into his own net.

The whole game was nip and tuck and Gary McAllister's Villa will consider themselves a shade unfortunate not to have taken at least a point.

But the Baggies were equally unlucky not to get at draw at Villa Park in December and both clubs will end the season a point better off for claiming a win apiece.

The hosts weathered spells of Villa pressure but, as they have so often this season, they conjured up the chances to turn possible defeat into unlikely victory.

First Peter Odemwingie maintained his wonderful scoring form, poking home a close-range shot after Jonas Olsson's header from a James Morrison free-kick sparked a goalmouth scramble.

Then Mulumbu burst into the box, wriggled free of Luke Young's challenge and evaded a sliding tackle from Ciaran Clark to net the winner after fabulous work out wide from Simon Cox.

And, with that moment of composure, the roof was blown off The Hawthorns with unquestionably the old ground's biggest roar of the season.

What followed was almost 10 minutes of unbearable tension for the Baggies fans willing their side to hang on.

But Hodgson found time for his rare and uncharacteristic moment of personal indulgence, and his belief in his players' ability to complete the job proved well-founded.

Safety was secured. History was re-written. And it was all sealed with a kiss.

Oops... Scott Carson is stranded as team-mate Abdoulaye Meite nets an own goal which got the derby off to a terrible start for Albion

Hawthorns goal-hero Peter Odemwingie sets off to celebrate his leveller

TALKING POINT

CAN ROY HODGSON END ALBION'S 'YO-YO YEARS' ONCE AND FOR ALL? The Baggies' latest boss has worked wonders to halt a worrying slide towards relegation and has effectively kept the club in the Premier League with three games to spare.

Now comes the task of laying the foundations for a regular presence in the top flight, as he did at Fulham.

Hodgson will not enjoy the security of Mohamed Al Fayed's millions as he did at Craven Cottage, but he already has the nucleus of a good Premier League side at his disposal.

And Baggies fans will be hopeful that Hodgson is the man to fine-tune the team and secure a permanent place among England's elite 20 clubs.

Next three games…

WOLVES (A) MAY 8
Baggies fans will arrive at Molineux in party mood and will hope to leave in even better spirits with a victory over their fiercest rivals.

EVERTON (H) MAY 14
It's the Hawthorns faithful's last chance to celebrate a successful season en-masse but will their team end the home campaign on a high against The Toffees?

NEWCASTLE (A) MAY 22
Fancy dress is sure to be the order of the day for Albion fans as their team end a memorable season with a Sunday trip to Tyneside.

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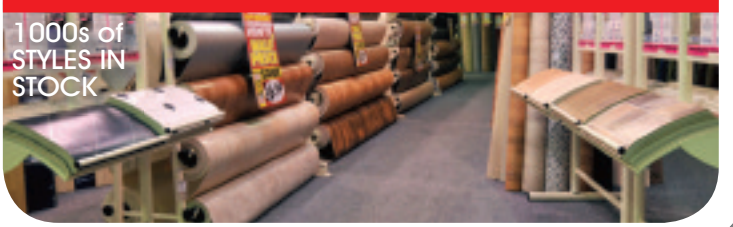

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